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## HIGH SHERIFF'S TUG OF WAR RAISES CASH FOR PRISON CHARITY PROJECT



ABOVE: Sinews were straining recently at a charity tug of war, organised by Liz Singer, the High Sheriff of Mid-Glamorgan. Sponsored teams tested their strength, and a special mention should go to the young farmers (above right), who entered a mixed team against an array of all-male opponents!

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## Private schools opt for merger

A PORTHCAWL private school is to close – parents received the news earlier this week at the start of the final five days of term!

In what is being presented as a merger, parents in St John's School are being offered the chance to transfer their children to the nearby St Clare's School.

They were told by the trustees of St John's School of proposals for the school to integrate with St Clare's, which is owned by Cognita, the independent schools group.

From September, it is intended that the two schools will join to create an independent school for boys and girls aged 2 ½ to 18 years, based on the existing St Clare's site.

The statement from the trustees

said: "As part of Cognita Schools, the students and staff of the combined school will benefit from a broader curriculum, increased extra-curricular activities and a continued investment in facilities.

"In the past two years, Cognita has made significant investment in St Clare's School to improve and upgrade the current facilities, including a sixth form centre, new art

room and science labs, a new dining hall, an enhanced nursery building, and an astro-turf multi-use sports area".

Debra Williams, a trustee of St. John's, said: "As a board, we have for some time been exploring options to secure the future of St John's School.

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# 'No decision yet' on the future of Shopmobility in Bridgend

REGIONAL Tory AM Byron Davies says he has been told that no decisions have been made about how the Shopmobility service will continue to be provided in Bridgend - after being approached by local traders.

He had submitted a Freedom of Information request to Bridgend County Borough Council about what would happen to this service based at the Rhiw car park, now that a decision has been taken to demolish this car park.

He said: "I asked how the scheme, which rents out mobility scooters to shoppers, would work during the period when the old car park is demolished and the new one is being built.

"I also asked what would happen if the pedestrian walkway is not replaced, as I now understand it is not, leaving disabled shoppers having to get across the Rhiw Hill to access the shopping centre and market.

"In its reply, the council states that various options are being looked at and no final decisions have been made. The council did say that it appreciates how well received the service is and has promised to make every effort to minimise the inconvenience."

Mr Davies made his request after meeting market traders who told him that council officers had stated it could take up to three years to complete this project, leaving their businesses in

limbo in the meantime.

The Shadow Welsh regeneration minister, went on: "The council has done a brilliant job in driving all traffic out of the town centre, including people with disabled badges who are also banned.

"So, unless it makes robust arrangements to ensure that the scooters are available, they will be disadvantaging the most vulnerable in our society - the elderly and disabled - hardly the inclusivity that they constantly aim for.

"The council has to ensure that access to the shops and amenities of the town centre is maintained for everyone while this work is under way. Market traders are already saying that footfall is down as a result of the last phase of regeneration, which has only just been completed.

"The council put out a public statement last week saying that the time-scale for the work on the Rhiw is less than three years. I welcome this but it does not alter the fact that this was the time-scale which their own officers gave to traders.

"Perhaps they should be more aware of what their own officers are actually telling people. I relayed the information which they gave me to the press in good faith.

"It seemed ridiculous that this was the period quoted for this work, but in view of the fact that the council allowed contractors to take 18 months to carry out the recent work on Noltan Street and Court Road, nothing would surprise me."

## Communities First looks back on year

BRIDGEND Communities First recently celebrated their past year's achievements at their annual meeting, hosted by Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) at Bridgend Recreation Centre.

The Welsh Government funded Communities First programme aims to reduce poverty by improving education and skills, health and employment opportunities.

Present at the half day session were local community organisations, councillors, members of the public and guest speakers, Coun Phil White (cabinet member, BCBC), Dr Victoria Winckler (director of The Bevan Foundation) and Nicky Sandford (regional collaboration and improvement officer).

The meeting was told that in the past year, Bridgend Communities First has worked in local communities to increase the employability of people, reduce the

impact of poverty for those on benefits and increase the opportunities for new and existing businesses to grow.

At least 300 people had taken part in prosperous communities sessions and 142 people had benefited from the programme's Welfare Benefits Project.

Ryan Barnard from Betws who attended a partnership pre-employment programme said: "I have been on similar courses to this and have been for loads of interviews but have never got a job before. I am so pleased."

The meeting was told that 190 adults with no qualifications took part in learning activities, 494 parents and children enjoyed family support and learning activities and 217 children now know where to get help if they have a problem at school, leading one parent to say: "James reads at home now instead of always playing the Play Station."

The Communities First has worked with the Public Health Team and partners including Halo, Adult Community Learning, Bridgend College and the Allotment Society on

health initiatives including walking groups with the support of Love2 Walk, cooking and nutrition sessions, healthy living information days, exercise classes and food management courses.

A total of 352 people took part in healthy living activities, with 60 people now said to be increasing their level of physical activity.

Lynne Berry, Communities First's partnership and integration manager said: "Health, learning and prosperity continue to be the key themes of the Communities First programme.

"It is very encouraging that the Welsh Government is taking active steps to enable closer working together with other Welsh Government funded programmes such as Families First and Flying Start, and we look forward to building even stronger relationships in the future."

For a copy of Bridgend Communities First's annual report, or for information on their activities and events, telephone 01656 643514 or visit [www.commfirstbridgend.co.uk](http://www.commfirstbridgend.co.uk)

## 'IT IS UNFAIR TO FINE THE SHOPPERS'

AFTER reading The GEM, dated June 19, about a pensioner who had an unfair parking fine, I have also received one recently, following a shopping trip to the Capital Retail Park, near Cardiff City football ground.

I agree totally with the lady on how unfair these fines are.

I had a lovely afternoon shopping with my husband in and out of the shops, trying on clothes, stopping for lunch followed by a big food shop in Asda.

In total that afternoon, we spend a few hundred pounds of our hard earned money in the shops.

We then received in the post a fine to say we

had been over our time for parking by four minutes!

I don't feel that this time is long enough for the large stores that are there.

They are targeting people who are clearly using the shopping facilities.

I have doubts about returning to this retail park, and think it is disgusting that shop customers are being penalised in this way.

More and more people are doing shopping online and if people continually get these fines for innocently using the shopping facilities, then something is clearly wrong.

To quote the lady: "fines like this are unfair and excessive". Annie-Marie Barton, Barry.

## Levy on sugar to cut obesity

INCREASING consumption of sugar is currently one of the biggest problems we face in terms of public health.

In Wales, we have some of the highest rates of over-consumption of sugar and obesity, so we need to be at the cutting edge of tackling these issues - That's why Plaid Cymru has proposed a levy on sugary drinks.

A tax of around 20 per cent on sugar sweetened drinks could reduce the number of people who are overweight by 13,300

and the number who are obese by 8,300, and generate £45 million in revenue that could be reinvested into the Welsh NHS.

We could use this money to help recruit a thousand extra doctors to the NHS in Wales.

Plaid's Pop Tax could reduce consumption of empty-calorie sugary drinks, while also generating important funds that could be invested to ensure that our health service is dynamic enough and well-enough resourced to deal with the problems it faces. Elin Jones AM, Plaid Cymru Shadow Health Minister.

## Not a nice welcome to Llantwit Major - doggy mess again!

LAST week, I was visiting Llantwit Major with a friend; we were touring the town on foot.

It is, indeed, a lovely quaint town, but I was appalled at the amount of 'doggy mess'. I had the misfortune to step in it. I was going to

finish my tour in a tearoom, so this was a very unpleasant, totally unnecessary situation.

I would ask all dog owners please have the decency to clean up after your pooch - and keep your lovely town clean. E Keith-Gillan, Pencoe.

## Oldcastle PACT

THE next Oldcastle PACT meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday, July 16, in Brynteg Lower School Library, Heol Gam, Bridgend.

## Hospital Friends' fete raised £4,000 for funds

MAESTEG Hospital Friends' League of would like to thank all those who worked so hard to stage a very successful 52nd annual hospital fete on June 14 in the Market Square.

More than £4,000 was raised, which will be spent on providing much needed equipment for our local hospital.

The Royal British Legion is holding a charity night for the League of Friends on Saturday, July 26, featuring Pulse with



Alana Shepherd (X Factor Welsh winner). A five-piece band will be playing music from the 60s to the present day. Tickets, £3 on the door. Lynda Williams, Maesteg Hospital

ABOVE: Coun Richard Collins presents £1,008 from the bucket collection at the fete to the treasurer of the League of Friends, Mr Vivian Gage.

## PROBLEM IS GROWING... 'People desperate for food' says MP

Donations to the Foodbanks are more important than ever, as families continue to struggle with bills.

THE Bridgend MP, Madeleine Moon supported Tesco's fourth National Food Collection at their store on the A48, last week.

The food collection, in conjunction with the Trussell Trust and FareShare, was held in major Tesco stores across the country, the MP said.

"Since their first food collection in 2012, Tesco's have donated 10.3 million meals to the Trussell Trust and FareShare to help people in need across the UK. Tesco's have a scheme in which they donate surplus food from their online and fresh



distribution centres which helps provide over seven million meals of surplus food a year to over 1000 charities.

"More recently, they have introduced permanent collection points in over 350 stores so that customers can donate food all year round.

"The Tesco Food collection was helped by a number of staff from Lloyds Bank and the shoppers were very generous donating food and money to help the Foodbanks across Bridgend.

"We have a big problem with people desperate for help with food, whether it is

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 17)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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12 Sat	06.53	9.8	19.18	10.1
13 Sun	07.43	10.0	20.07	10.4
14 Mon	08.33	10.3	20.54	10.5
15 Tues	09.19	10.3	21.44	10.4
16 Wed	10.06	10.1	22.22	10.1
17 Thur	10.53	9.7	23.13	9.7

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.



# HIGH SHERIFF'S TUG OF WAR RAISES CASH FOR PRISON CHARITY PROJECT



(left to right): Debra Davies, Jayne James, Derek Brockway and Sue Charles.



Wyn Evans.



ABOVE: The winning team, Jail Torque, receive their trophy.

THE new High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan has started her year in office with a celebrity tug of war which raised more than £26,000.

When Liz Singer, of Porthcawl, was invited to be the High Sheriff, she decided that she would like to use her year of office to raise awareness of Barnardo's.

Liz has been a volunteer fundraiser for the charity for over 40 years. In a happy coincidence, she discovered that a groundbreaking initiative at Parc Prison to establish a Family Unit had recently received major funding from the Big Lottery.

When she found out that Barnardo's were providing the pastoral care required in the Family Unit, her two areas of interest could be combined.

The result was the highly-successful fundraising event which took place recently in the grounds of Pencoed College – 'The High Sheriff's Celebrity Tug of War'.

Derek Brockway, Sue Charles, Roy Noble, Ryan Jones, Jamie Baulch, Jayne James, and Tom Shanklin all lent their support to the event and the tug of war competition was compered by tenor Wynne Evans.

Teams competing in the Tug of War included the Young Farmers, Rugby Players, Cardiff Metropolitan University and MCPT.

The winners were a team of prison warders from Parc Prison (who called themselves Jail Torque) and they won the High Sheriff's cup presented by Kate Thomas, Lord Lieutenant for Mid Glamorgan.

While the teams were



High Sheriff Liz Singer (left) with Lord Lieutenant Kate Thomas and Roy Noble.

assembling, the guests were entertained by the Porthcawl Ukelele Band and refreshed by a glass of champagne.

Afterwards they enjoyed lunch in the marquee. A total of 260 guests supported the event with many more contributing as sponsors or donors. As a result, over £26,000 was raised on the day.

Corin Morgan-Armstrong, the senior manager of the Family Unit at the prison, explained why the project is being closely monitored by other prisons throughout Britain.

He said that they hoped to break the cycle of offending by sons of prisoners. At present, six sons out of 10 will follow their father to prison.

The Family Unit scheme is called 'Invisible Walls Wales' and its website is [www.i-hop.org.uk](http://www.i-hop.org.uk). It also extends into the surrounding community and it supports children of prisoners in mid Glamorgan and allows contact to be made between the prisoner and his children in less

forbidding surroundings.

Mr Morgan-Armstrong read out the letter of a nine-year-old girl whose father is in prison. It was addressed to 'Addiction' – expressing her feelings of how it had taken her Daddy from her.

The audience all had tears in their eyes.

Yvonne Rogers, the director of Barnardo's in Wales, had a difficult act to follow but gave a good outline of the plight of children in Wales and the work done to support 8,000 children each year whose families were living in extreme poverty.

Liz intends to continue her year of office supporting Invisible Walls Wales and other organisations in mid Glamorgan, knowing that she has certainly raised awareness of Barnardo's and their work in Parc Prison – and £26,000!

For further information on the role of High Sheriffs in the modern world, go to [www.highsheriffs.com](http://www.highsheriffs.com)

Report by Andrew Singer



Weather girl Sue Charles with the celebrity rugby tug of war team.



ABOVE: the Porthcawl Ukelele band entertained the guests.

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# Schoolchildren spread gas safety message on stage



Students from Trelales Primary with Theatr na nŌg actors Siw Hughes and Dafydd Rhys Evans



Students and grandparents watch on as Theatr na nŌg perform

## RACES AND FASHION SHOW RAISE £2,400 FOR KRUF



LEFT: Marilyn had the funniest hat at Kruf ladies' day.



Teresa made her own hat for Kruf ladies' day.

**PORThCAWL** Kruf recently held a wonderful day at the races hosted by the Hi Tide Inn, and the day began with Bridgend Rock Choir singing a selection of rock, pop and gospel music which got everyone in the mood.

Next Samantha B of Ewenny presented a fashion show, bringing a lovely selection of outfits, followed by a champagne tea – and then the races began!

All races were sponsored by local businesses; The ladies cheered on their favourite horse and there was lots of excitement. Everything calmed down for another fashion show, this time by dress agency Glad Rags of Margam, Port Talbot. The outfits enabled the models to dress to impress.

Finally, there were more exciting races and the judging of the best hat by Margaret of Mad Hatters hat hire, Porthcawl. There was a prize for the funniest hat, won by Marilyn, and Chris James won the smartest outfit. The raffle had been sponsored by local businesses.

The event raised £2,400 for Kidney Research and equipment. Kruf would like to thank everyone who took part for their generosity. JH

## Crime prevention event

**SUPERMARKET** shoppers in Porthcawl had the chance to pick up advice about crime prevention during a recent Neighbourhood Policing event.

Officers from the local Safer Bridgend team set up a table at the Co-operative store in Porthcawl on Monday, June 3.

The team spent a number of hours at the supermarket talking to customers about keeping themselves and their homes secure.

They also offered advice and information on how to keep their homes secure while on holiday.

PCSO Carl Wesgate, who helped to organise the event, said: "It was all about helping people to stay safe and secure, no matter where they are, or what they are doing".

His colleague, PCSO Janine Ireland, added: "We found the

initiative was really worthwhile as we were able to speak to a significant number of people and raise awareness about crime prevention measures.

"We were also able to offer reassurance to many residents and chat about any concerns".

The Safer Bridgend team hold regular surgeries and crime prevention events in the Porthcawl area. To contact your local Safer Bridgend policing team call 101.

Do you need to speak to police, but don't require an emergency response? Call 101... The number can be used to report a non-emergency to any force in Wales and England.

In an emergency, always dial 999.

**PRIMARY** schoolchildren in Laleston are helping to spread a safety message about a 'silent killer' – carbon monoxide.

Gas distribution company Wales & West Utilities is in partnership with Theatr Na nŌg to take 'A Breath of Fresh Air' (a mixture of drama and storytelling), to schools.

It focuses on the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, and pupils have been asked to take the message home to parents, grandparents and carers.

Known as 'the silent killer', the poisonous gas can be emitted by faulty appliances

powered by gas or any other fuel that burns. It's colourless, odourless and tasteless, but is highly poisonous and causes around 40 fatalities in the UK every year.

Trelales Primary is one of schools visited during an eight-week tour that focuses on schools in areas that have been identified as being at particular risk of CO incidents.

Sara Lewis, Theatr na nŌg scriptwriter and director, said: "The response has been wonderful. The 'CO hakka' which has been created as part of our story has gone down a storm and it's been fantastic to see children and grandparents joining in and giving our cast a run for their money."

"The feedback we've had from the schools we've visited has been really heart-warming and it has been a pleasure to perform to audiences."

Iona Gregory from Trelales Primary School said: "It is difficult to get younger children to understand risks, such as CO poisoning, but this show has a formula that works in an engaging way."

The symptoms of CO poisoning are flu-like but without the high temperature. They include breathlessness and chest or stomach pains. People can feel tired or drowsy and may start behaving erratically, complaining of giddiness and headaches with nausea and vomiting, and possibly visual problems.

## HOSPITAL FETE

A SUMMER fete will be held in the grounds of Coity Clinic, Princess of Wales Hospital, on Saturday, August 2, at 2pm, to raise funds for extra equipment.

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## Prince Charles' visit marks 40th anniversary of Sony in Wales

ON July 1 at Pencoed, Sony UK Technology Centre (UKTEC), welcomed Prince Charles to the site as part of its 40th anniversary celebrations.

Sony manufactures broadcast camera systems. As part of the visit, the Prince was welcomed by managing director, Steve Dalton, as well as key representatives from the Sony Corporation and Japanese community.

These included Mr Masaru Kato, vice-chairman of the Sony Corporation, Mr Masaru Tamagawa, president of Sony Europe, and Ambassador Hayashi from the Japanese Embassy.

During the visit, Prince Charles unveiled a plaque marking four decades of achievement to an invited audience of over 30 guests, which included senior Sony executives, individuals from the UK and Welsh Governments and Bridgend County Borough Council.

In attendance were the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport for Welsh Government Edwina Hart, Labour Member of Parliament for Ogmore, Huw Iwan-Davies and the Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Gary Thomas.

The Prince and guests were taken on group tours of the state-of-the-art facility and shown how the site has developed in the 40 years it has been in Wales.

During the tour, Mr Dalton showed Prince Charles the site's cutting-edge and lean manufacturing techniques and its third-party manufacturing business which is winning multi-million pound deals from the overseas market.

Mr Dalton also stressed the centre's significant contribution to employment and economic development in south Wales.

Mr Dalton commented: "We are now in our 40th year of Sony being present in Wales. It is an honour and a privilege to have the Prince of Wales onsite and join in

with our anniversary celebrations. Commenting on the site's 40th anniversary celebrations, Welsh Government, Economy Minister, Edwina Hart said: "This is a significant year and milestone for Sony marking 40 years since its first facility was opened in Wales and 22 years since the opening of Sony UK Technology Centre."

"As the longest-standing Japanese manufacturer in Wales, Sony has made a significant contribution to the local communities and economy of Wales."

"During that time, it has successfully managed the transition into high value, low volume manufacturing to become a renowned centre of excellence creating high quality skilled jobs."

"The Welsh Government has a strong working relationship with Sony both here in Wales and in Japan and we are delighted to support the company's activities in bringing more business and jobs to Wales."

## Priest's 40th year of service is celebrated

THE Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, was the preacher at the parish eucharist for SS Peter and Paul's Day in St Bridget's Church on Sunday, June 29.

This was also the 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood of Fr Philip, priest in charge of Ewenny and St Brides Major and Archdeacon of Margam.

He was ordained priest by Bishop Stephen Thomas in Llandaff Cathedral on June 29, 1974, and served as assistant curate in the parish of Aberdare for three years, before being appointed assistant curate of Neath with responsibility for SS Peter and Paul's Church, Cimla.

In 1980, Philip became vicar of Cymmer

and Porth, in the Rhondda Valley, and in 1988 was appointed Diocesan Missioner by Bishop Roy Thomas. In 2002 he became Archdeacon of Margam, having been Residentiary Canon of Llandaff Cathedral for the previous two years, and although living in Llantwit Major, looked after the parish of Kenfig Hill until 2005, when he became priest in charge of Ewenny and St Brides Major.

In addition to these appointments, Philip was also a Diocesan inspector of schools for ten years, a tutor on the Llandaff ordination course for 20 years, and Diocesan Communications Officer for four years. He chaired a number of Church in Wales sectors and divisions in the Board of Mission, and currently chairs the Church in Wales international



PICTURED, Archdeacon Philip with the Archbishop, Dr Barry Morgan.

group and Churches Tourism Network Wales. Philip is the editor of Highlights, the report of the Church in Wales governing body, and the co-ordinator of the Church in Wales Jubilee Fund, which currently funds the running of a mobile dental clinic in Gaza.

The music for the Eucharist was led by two of the parish's organists, Elizabeth Morgan and Margaret Irons, and a

music group, which included violins, flutes, recorder, clarinet and harp.

Some members of St Brides Major Church in Wales Primary School sang before the service and during the administration of communion. Eurof Evans and Allison Felton read the readings, and Tony Davies led the Intercessions. Philip was assisted by Hazel Norfolk, parish reader.



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# LOCAL RESIDENTS SIGN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT



**ABOVE:**  
Coun Mel Nott OBE, Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council and Armed Forces Champion, pledged his support to the Armed Forces Community Covenant.

**RIGHT:**  
The Welsh Guards and Welsh Transport Regiment formed part of the popular Armed Forces Day 2014 parade.

**LOCAL** residents turned out in force last week to show their support for veterans and serving troops – at a special event for Armed Forces Day 2014 in Bridgend town centre.

It was organised by Bridgend County Borough Council, Bridgend Town Council and the Veterans Association.

It culminated in the annual Armed Forces Day parade with troops from the Welsh Guards and Welsh Transport Regiment, local veterans, cadets and council dignitaries and guests led through the town by the South Wales Police Band.

They stopped for a short service at the war memorial on Wyndham Street, before completing the route through the town centre.

As well as lining the streets for the parade, local residents showed their support by signing the Armed Forces Community Covenant in Carnegie House (formerly Bridgend Library).

The Hut 9 Preservation Group were at Bridgend Town Council's new home in the former library building, putting on displays, exhibiting historical military equipment and sharing facts about bygone conflicts.

Military, charity and council displays and stalls were set up in the town centre, and children and teenagers were able to take photos inside military vehicles and have fun scaling a climbing wall.

A special concert in the bowls hall at Bridgend Recreation Centre followed the parade, and veterans and serving military personnel shared memories with friends and families as they were entertained by Jeff Hooper's Big Band and the South Wales Police Band.

Coun Mel Nott, Leader of BCBC and Armed Forces Champion, said: "I'm delighted that large numbers of local residents were out in force to show their support for the Bridgend county borough's veterans and serving troops."

"Through lining the streets for the parade and signing the Armed Forces Community Covenant our residents have reaffirmed the pride that we share for the county borough's military personal, and recognised the outstanding work that they do."

The Armed Forces Community Covenant in Bridgend county borough is supported by voluntary and third sector groups and organisations, including all 20 town and community councils across the county borough.

Major Wayne Morgan, of the Bridgend British Legion and Veterans Association, said: "This was a very special armed forces event because the people of Bridgend showed their support for the community covenant and for our veterans."

"We look forward to establishing a firm base with our partners in Bridgend County Borough Council and Bridgend Town Council in delivering on the covenant promise to those veterans and their families who may be in need."

Coun Bob Burns, Mayor of Bridgend Town Council, said: "It was fantastic to see citizens young and old showing their commitment to the armed forces and to the veterans that served us in the past. Thanks to the people of Bridgend for making it such a special, memorable day."



The South Wales Police Band led the procession through Bridgend town centre.





# BRIDGEND TURNS OUT IN FORCE TO SUPPORT ARMED FORCES DAY



Youngsters at Pyle fun day get their masks ready for this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

## Deadline nears for funding applications

**SOCIAL enterprises in Bridgend county borough are being urged to apply for funding from a regeneration initiative which is due to close shortly.**

The EU-funded South East Wales Community Economic Development (SEWCED) programme, run by Bridgend County

Borough Council, is supporting community and voluntary groups to generate their own income providing products, services, employment and volunteering opportunities.

Since it began in 2010, more than £1m has been invested in supporting 22 local voluntary sector organisations and helping create 22 jobs across the county borough.

The scheme is

seeking capital applications from entrepreneurial third sector organisations which are looking to diversify their income, create jobs and increase services to the local area.

"We're looking for social enterprises that require capital investment and can hit the ground running," said Coun David Sage, deputy leader of BCBC.

"We're keen to hear from projects which can support the local

economy, have a strong business case and can evidence need within their local communities.

Contact

[www.bridgendbusinessforum.co.uk](http://www.bridgendbusinessforum.co.uk); Mary Pope on 01656 815320 or email [mary.pope@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:mary.pope@bridgend.gov.uk) for details.

## Maesteg Rotary sponsorship

**A TOTAL of 117 schoolchildren attended a 'Kids Day Out' event at Gower Heritage Centre.**

Among the Rotary clubs sponsoring youngsters was Maesteg Rotary Club, which sponsored the Garth, Plasnewydd, Llangynwyd and Blaencaerau Schools.

## All set for summer reading adventure

**LIBRARY STAFF HAVE been helping young book fans from Pyle to prepare for a summer-long reading adventure at a fun day to create masks ready for a special launch of the Summer Reading Challenge.**

On Friday (July 11), local children don their masks for a parade from Carnegie House (formerly Bridgend Library) to the all-new Bridgend

Library at Bridgend Recreation Centre. The theme for this year's challenge is 'Mythical Maze', where local youngsters can spend their summer holiday lost in a labyrinth of fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology.

As they navigate their way through the challenge, local children will meet fun versions of folklore's most famous faces, from mermaids and minotaurs to yetis and unicorns – and everything in between.



# BIG RED'S NEW ADVENTURE FOR DOG RESCUE HOMES

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

AN abandoned dog from Romania is helping to raise funds for dog rescue centres.

The GEM featured the story of Big Red in January.

He was effectively on 'Death Row' in a shelter in Romania, where there has been a huge problem of stray dogs.

Campaigners brought him to this country and he now lives in the Vale with canine behaviourist James Davies.

James told The GEM: "He was a dog without hope on death row and about to be euthanised."

"He was a scared, sad, lonely old boy. Unfortunately, due to the abusive treatment he had received, Red had started behaving aggressively towards people in the Romanian shelter."

"Since coming to Wales, we have worked with him daily basis to deal with his behavioural issues."

"He is now ready to



ABOVE: Big Red is leading a happy life now he's in Wales.

help other dogs who were in his position!

"Red is now taking part in his first charitable adventure, the national Three Peaks Challenge which takes in Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scafell Pike in England and Snowden in Wales."

James and Big Red are taking on the challenge on July 19-20.

Money raised is going to the 'Finding Forever Homes' cause, and in the coming months, James and Big Red will be

doing more sponsored events for rescue centres.

More than 1,200 people have been following Big Red's story on Facebook.

One comment says: "It melts my heart every time I see Big Red."

A total of £845 in sponsorship has already been raised.

If people want to help they should go to: [www.justgiving.com/notimetopaws/](http://www.justgiving.com/notimetopaws/); or text BRED63 £5 to 70070.

## OBITUARY Wendy Elizabeth Gould, of Llysworney (1935-2014)



WENDY, dearly beloved wife of Alan, caring and loving mother to Alison, Jonathan and Sarah, ever loving grandmother of Anna, Elie and Joseph, died at the Princess of Wales Hospital on June 16, after a long and debilitating illness that she endured with great courage.

Wendy and Alan were married at Prendergast Church in Haverfordwest on July 26, 1958. Although Wendy started her teaching career in Pembrokeshire, she moved to Cardiff with Alan in 1961.

During their 56 years together, they moved home between Cardiff and Swansea, finally moving to Llysworney in 1978.

During all this time, Wendy and Alan kept up

their connection with Pembrokeshire through family and friends.

Wendy devoted her life to her family, and this was very evident in the way that she cared for her mother and her mother-in-law at home in Llysworney during their declining years.

This devotion was also seen in Wendy's teaching career, especially during the time that she taught disadvantaged children in schools, both in Swansea and in Cardiff – again as a teacher giving compassionate support to those less fortunate children.

Wendy's life of caring for others can be very well expressed in this quotation from the Yale Book of American Verse:

"None knew thee but to love thee nor named thee but to praise."



Cyclists Sara Edwards and Tom Redding are holding a fundraiser for Guide Dogs Cymru at the Duke of Wellington.

## Cyclists raising the bar for Guide Dogs!

TWO Vale pub workers are getting on their bikes for Guide Dogs Cymru – Sara Edwards and Tom Redding, both from St Nicholas, have signed up for the London to Brighton cycle ride on September 7.

They are hoping that the 54-mile challenge will raise at least £200 for their chosen charity.

Sara (22), who works at the Old Post in Bonvilston, has grown up with an awareness of Guide Dogs. She said: "My mother, Judith Edwards, is a volunteer puppy walker for Guide Dogs, so I've seen for myself how they progress from seven weeks old to becoming fully qualified. We've helped to train 11 puppies in total."

Last September, she raised funds for Guide Dogs by becoming one of the youngest volunteers to drive blindfold

around a circuit at Llandow. "It was terrifying," she said. "Apparently my face was white with shock when I took the blindfold off! Every bump in the road was amplified by ten."

Tom (23), a former Old Post colleague who now works at the Fox and Hounds in Cardiff, said: "Sara roped me into this, but I used to do quite a bit of cycling, so I'm confident we will manage the route."

The friends are aiming to boost sponsorship with a black-tie charity ball at the Duke of Wellington pub in Cowbridge on August 23, featuring live music from a blues band.

Tickets, £10, are available from the Old Post in Bonvilston or by ringing 02920 596785.

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## Top score at maths!



**MATHS MASTERS  
CELEBRATE!**

PUPILS and teachers at St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston, are celebrating the success of some of their most talented mathematicians, who recently won a 'More Able and Talented' maths challenge.

Throughout this academic year, they have enjoyed competing against children from eight other rural Vale schools in a mini maths league.

Points gained this year from each of the five challenge rounds were totalled accumulatively and St David's finished in first position.

The team were so excited, and everyone is extremely proud of their success.

Mrs Rosser, year-6 teacher, said: "All the children who participate in the maths challenge, thoroughly enjoy the experience."

"It is great to see such enthusiasm and talent in maths!"

"We would all like to say a big thank you to Mr Luke Chaeter, deputy head of Llangan Primary, who initiated the event last year."

## Help with heating bills for Maesteg residents

OUTREACH workers from Nest, the Welsh Government's fuel poverty scheme, will be on hand at Hartshorn House, Maesteg to provide advice and support to people who are struggling with their fuel bills.

The Nest team will be available from Tuesday, July 29, and then the last Tuesday of each month between 9.30am and 4.30pm.

Nest is open to all householders in Wales, and provides advice on saving energy, money management, fuel tariffs, benefit entitlement and home improvements to help reduce the cost of fuel bills.

"In addition to advice, if you own or privately rent your home and receive a means tested benefit, you may also be eligible for free home improvements. These may include a new central heating boiler, loft insulation, or cavity wall and solid wall insulation, said Lee Parry, Head of Nest."

"Over the past three years over 50,000 householders have received free advice and support and over 13,000 householders have received home free improvements and saved an average of £470 a year on their fuel costs."

Contact Nest on Freephone 0808 808 2244 to make an appointment for Hartshorn House, or visit [www.nestwales.org.uk](http://www.nestwales.org.uk)

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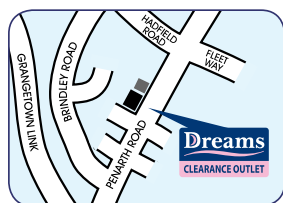


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# Black cats need a home, too!

**MORE** black and black-and-white cats are being taken in by Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre than any other colour, it was reported last week.

The centre, which provides an essential cat rehoming service in the area, says that out of the 164 unwanted cats they are looking after, 88 are black or black-and-white.

"We are seeing a lot more black-and-white cats than others because they are much more common than other colours," Sue Dobbs, centre manager said.

"The unfortunate thing for these cats is that not only do we have more of them coming in, they are also much harder to find homes for. They often get overlooked by prospective owners who



HOLLIE, HOUDINI, AND HARRY.

would rather adopt a more unusual colour, like ginger or tabby cats, which are very popular.

"It's a real shame to see these cats struggling to find homes as they have just as much love to give as any other cat. If you can offer a home to a black or black-and-white cat do get in touch," she urged.

Some of the black/black-and-white cat in need of a home are: **Tina** – a three-year-old female cat and one of our longest staying cats, admitted to the

centre with her young kittens, after being found living outside as a stray.

**Bongo** – a 10-week-old kitten admitted with three siblings, all very close to death, after being found in a garden at an empty property suffering with untreated flu. He has made a good recovery but is left with permanent damage to one of his eyes.

**Freddie** – our longest staying cat who has just spent his 100th day in our care. He is a lovely nine-year-old lap cat, who was brought into

our care because his owner was moving and couldn't take him.

Others include, **Marvin, Minnie, Miami, Hollie, Houdini and Harry** – 10-13 week unwanted kittens, all very friendly and affectionate.

To find out more about adopting a cat from Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre please call 01656 724396 alternatively, visit the Bridgend website at [www.bridgend.cats.org.uk](http://www.bridgend.cats.org.uk)



BONGO.

## WHAT'S ON / in brief

**Murch movie**  
MURCH Community Cinema in Dinas Powys is screening its first matinee this Saturday, July 12 at Sunnycroft Lane.

A family showing of *Frozen* will start at 2pm. Tickets £4 on the door.

In the evening there's a chance for the grownups to see the Disney film without embarrassment or bringing the children with them!

Tickets £5 on the door

(£4 in advance). For more information, see website [www.murchcommunitycinema.bravesites.com](http://www.murchcommunitycinema.bravesites.com).

**'Bear hunt'**

COWBRIDGE Library is going on a bear hunt to raise money for 'Read for RNIB' on Tuesday, July 15 from 9.45am - 10.45am. Stories and crafts for all pre-schoolers. £1 donation per child suggested. All children must be accompanied by their teddy bear!

For more information, contact the library on 01446 773941.

**Family history**

A FREE family history class at Cowbridge Library on July 15 from 10am-12pm, will look at researching births, marriages and deaths. For more information and to book a place, contact the library on 01446 773941.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### St Helen's school fete

ST HELEN'S Infant School fete takes place this Saturday (July 12) from 11am to 3pm; craft stalls, bouncy castle, face painting, hot dogs, side games for children. Free entry, all proceeds go to St Helen's Infant School.

### Party in the Park

BRO Radio and the Vale Council are presenting 'Party in the Park' at Romilly Park on Saturday, August 16.

It will feature Back To November, The James Clode Band, The Cyclones, Midnight Hour and Vale rockers Brother Steve, with Voice finalist Raggy and Britain's Got Talent's Jodi Bird.

## Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, BCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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## THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE RAISED £4,000 FOR CHARITY



**LEFT:**

Staff from Persimmon Homes Wales at the summit of the final mountain Pen-y-Fan, Brecon.

**TWENTY** work colleagues scaled the three highest peaks in Wales – and raised over £4,000 for the Wales Air Ambulance.

They all work for Persimmon Homes Wales, Llantrisant, and completed the Three Peaks of Wales sponsored challenge in record time – all in one day!

Starting at 3am on Saturday morning (June 28), the group ascended Snowdon first, before travelling to Cadair Idris in mid-Wales, and then on to Pen y Fan in the south.

The money raised will go towards the running and maintenance of three helicopters that operate across the country.

Martin Smith, managing director, who organised the challenge, said: "We had a superb time, the weather was excellent and the team effort was immense – everyone helped each other and it was great for moral and team building."

"It felt very surreal trekking up Snowdon in the middle of the night, but when we reached the summit, the sun was rising and the sky was clear – it was an amazing view."

"Cader Idris was by far the hardest mountain to tackle – it was even harder going down than it was walking up! It was very tough on our legs, but we made it and I'm incredibly proud of our team."

## Community is praised for the Big Collection

**LOCAL people have been praised for rallying together to boost Diabetes UK in Barry.**

The Big Collection, a nationwide fundraising event for the charity, took place in 328 Tesco stores across the UK on June 13, 14 and 15, marking the end of Diabetes Week.

Volunteers collected donations and helped

raise awareness of diabetes, which affects one in seven people.

Elaine Adams, team leader for the collection at Tesco's store in Barry, said: "I would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave up their time to help collect donations over the weekend. With their support we've raised £491 for Diabetes UK."

"We had a fun weekend and the volunteers did a great job spreading some cheer in store. As someone who has diabetes, it was great to be able to meet other people living with the condition and share some of my experiences with them."

Diabetes UK Cymru's Director Dai Williams said: "With the help of volunteers, we were able to collect donations and raise awareness of a condition that affects the 173,000 people in Wales who have diabetes and an estimated 60,000 living with the condition but who haven't yet been diagnosed."

Anyone interested in supporting Diabetes UK should visit [www.diabetes.org.uk/be-awesome](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/be-awesome) for volunteering opportunities and for fundraising opportunities visit [www.diabetes.org.uk/GetInvolved/Raising\\_funds](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/GetInvolved/Raising_funds).

## Ty Hafan launches its Precious Moments Appeal

**EVERY week, parents in Wales are told the devastating news that their child is likely to die in childhood.**

Thankfully, Ty Hafan is there for life-limited children and their families, helping them make the most of the time they have left together.

With more and more families needing Ty Hafan's support, its annual costs are also rising. The charity needs to raise £3.7m each year to provide its services, compared to just £1m when it started in 1999.

**Alice Hicks and her parents, Ian and Hannah, are among 262 families currently supported by Ty Hafan.**

They are helping with the charity's Precious Moments Appeal and their story will be shared with more than 40,000 people across Wales receiving letters from Ty Hafan this week.

Like most new parents, Hannah and Ian Hicks couldn't wait to go for their 20-week scan. But all that excitement turned to anxiety when the midwife went to fetch the doctor.

They were told the most devastating news any parent can hear – their unborn daughter had a condition that meant it was very likely she would die in childhood.

"We left the hospital feeling like our world had fallen apart," said Hannah.

"One minute we had been watching our child moving around on the monitor. The next, we were being told we would never see her grow up."

Ten-month-old Alice was born with hydranencephaly, a central nervous system disorder characterized by an enlarged head and neurological deficits.

Her family was forced to prepare for the worst, as she spent her first 15 days fighting for her life in the neo-natal unit at the University Hospital of Wales.

"As it became increasingly clear the doctors could do nothing more to help her, they suggested we took her



**ABOVE:**

**Little Alice Hicks with mum Hannah.**

for end of life care at Ty Hafan," said Ian.

"Being told by our doctors that we would have to go to Ty Hafan felt like the end, but it turned out to be a new beginning."

After the fear and devastation of the previous weeks, it was at Ty Hafan that the couple finally found some hope and happiness.

Hannah said: "What we found at Ty Hafan was something truly special – a place filled with laughter and smiles and love. We knew straight away that this was where we wanted to be."

On the first day at Ty Hafan, Alice's grandfather had the chance to hold her for the first time. He hadn't been able to hold Alice when she was in hospital, because she had been too poorly.

"As he cuddled his tiny granddaughter in his arms, he told us that his life felt complete. It was such a special moment for the whole family," said Hannah.

Thankfully, Alice pulled through those early weeks and is now enjoying spending time at their home in Cardiff.

"There are so many ways Ty Hafan continues to be there for our family," said Ian.

"From the visits and phone calls from our family support practitioner, Hayley, to the short breaks we have at the hospice, they help make sure every moment we have with Alice is spent creating memories that will last forever. We know that when the time comes, and Alice reaches the end of her life, they will support us through that too."

Jenna Lewis, head of individual giving at Ty Hafan said: "Although our hospice is based in Sully, Ty Hafan's care extends much further into communities across Wales. Thanks to Ty Hafan, Alice's short life is being lived to the full. We want to help more families in need of our help, but to do this we need the public's support."

Ty Hafan offers comfort, care and support to life-limited children and young people and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the whole family. To continue to offer its services to families, it relies on the generosity of the public, its corporate sponsors and volunteers.

To support the Precious Moments Appeal, please visit [www.tyhafan.org/precious](http://www.tyhafan.org/precious) or call 029 2053 2255.

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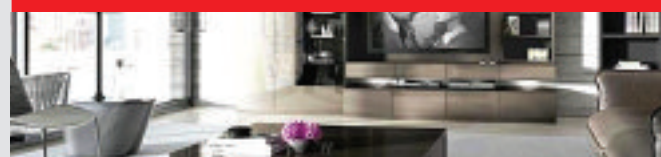
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# LLANGOLLEN EISTEDDFOD HERE WE COME!

MONTHS of preparation and rehearsal are almost at an end for Bridgend Male Choir, which late last year accepted an invitation to compete at the Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod.

At 12.15 pm this Saturday (July 12), 78 choristers will muster on the Maes to compete at the highest level, in front of S4C cameras.

Musical director, Rhianon Williams-Hale and accompanist, Stephanie Bailey have been inspirational in their coaching, and in turn their charges will wish to give a performance worthy of all the effort which has been put in.

The choir's competition programme was aired at Tabernacle Church, Bridgend on Saturday last when they shared a

concert with Cor Meibion Trelawnyd, which was well received. Just three rehearsals stand between the choir and its entry.

Other choirs participating are Bloemfontein Male Choir (South Africa); Choir Khatisa (Georgia); Coro De Iddanoa Monteleone (Italy); Torshavnar Manskor (Faroe Islands) and from Wales, Bois Ceredigion and Cantorion Colin Jones.

The boys from Bridgend did compete in 2005, coming in fourth place – but having achieved runners-up spots at Torquay and Douglas, Isle of Man in the past 18 months, they hope all the preparation will take them to the musical summit this time.

We wish them well!

DAVID T BURT



ABOVE:  
The choir is heading for the musical summit.

## GEM reader's message to a 'rally driver'

I WOULD just like to wish the driver of the orange and black van whom I encountered on the country roads outside Llanmaes at 9am on Thursday, all the very best for the rallying time trials he was clearly practising for...

I would also like to apologise for not being able to get any further into the hedge out of his way and that it's OK, I will pay for the damage he caused to my wing mirror out of my own money.

Could I also suggest that in the future he might consider slowing down when he sees cars approaching, or possibly (and I know this is a big ask) that he may even consider keeping to the speed limit?

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## DRAGON SEQUEL A WONDROUS DELIGHT



by GARETH JAMIESON  
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**T**HE summer of 2010 may have seen the big hitters deliver bagfuls of box office cash (among them *Iron Man 2* and *Inception*) but one film that came from nowhere to land an impressive haul of nearly \$500m was *How To Train Your Dragon*.

With studios keen to pounce upon those that make the most money, a second helping was a

given, and now lands in cinemas.

In *How To Train Your Dragon 2*, Hiccup (voiced by Jay Baruchel) and his now-trained dragon Toothless, discover that while the fear of dragons has subsided since events of the first film, a mad man by the name of Drago (voiced by Djimon Hounsou) is assembling a dragon army to try and take control of the land.

When Hiccup tries to talk sense to Drago, he embarks on a journey that sees his entire world unfold...

As we've seen in recent years, it's rare that a film can achieve such giddy heights at the box office and not find itself returning for more action, particularly in the animated world where child-friendly films can often spell big money.

*How To Train Your Dragon 2* could easily have followed the route of last year's *Despicable Me 2*; an entertaining revisit to characters who have beguiled, but one that doesn't really rip up the rule book and make for a really incredible second outing.

Thankfully, and almost surprisingly, it instead opts for the hallmarks of live-action sequels, and delivers a film that is bigger and bolder, more emotionally resonant, and feels like a natural continuation of events rather than a forced one.

The first film was a charming effort that

struck by stealth rather than expectation, so with a ready-built audience second time around, writer/director Dean DeBlois could have been forgiven for trying to play it a little safe; but it's to his credit, and the film's benefit, that he instead grants the story a scope and scale that doesn't fail to enchant, delivering a mature work that doesn't deal with your average child-friendly fare.

There is the notion of how we relate to our parents and deal with the weight of expectation, reconnecting with parents who were thought gone forever, and man's relationship with nature when its power far exceeds mankind's. It seems DeBlois wasn't afraid of tackling issues like these, and despite the more grown-up sensibility, they are handled without pandering and reducing it to simplistic terms.

Visually, the film amps up the airborne antics, scale and sense of drama, looking gorgeous and benefitting (as many animated films do) from the use of 3D to grant a greater depth to proceedings; but even away from the acting spectacle the film looks sumptuous, ice castles and the like being brought vividly to life, creating a work that manages to balance style and substance.

The voice cast all do a sterling job - Jay Baruchel capturing the weariness of Hiccup as he tries to balance his desires with those of his father, Gerard Butler and Craig Ferguson deliver some avuncular Scots wit and steel, while newcomers to the franchise fare equally as well.

Cate Blanchett's accent may be a little offputting, but behind it is a touching vocal performance, Djimon Hounsou makes for a hissable, if slightly underdeveloped, villain, while Kit Harrington gently lampoons his *Game of Thrones* character as a cocky, yet useful ally.

While a swallow does not make a summer, the vision and intelligence, not to mention ability to work with a heavier-than-usual subject matter and present it so cleverly to its young audience, on show in this film, coupled with the likes of *The LEGO Movie* and *Frozen*, is evidence that animated films can deal with bigger issues than you would expect without losing any of the impact. That ... *Dragon 2* builds upon its first outing with such aplomb is a welcome sight indeed, and definitely bodes well for the further films planned.

**VERDICT:** A striking, bold and contemplative offering that loses none of its impact for its intended target audience, *How To Train Your Dragon 2* is a fine example of how upping the odds, scope and story can make for an enthralling sequel. Hitting all the right notes with its narrative, looking amazing and with a vocal cast on fine form, this a truly enjoyable film for all ages. *Highly recommended.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980), *Shrek* (2001).

## What's on, and where in your area?

### Summer holiday camp for children

**VALE Council-led Barry Communities First is to host free holiday summer camps for children aged 7-12 years at Buttrills Community Centre and coastlands Family Church.**

All camps will run between 10am and 2pm on each day and can accommodate 20 children per week. For full details, contact Communities First on 077302884142/0789480 0882 or email communitiesfirst@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

### Toys and Trains

**CARDIFF toy and train sale takes place on Saturday, July 12 (10.30am-3pm) in the Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, CF64 2NS.**

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "Our venue in Penarth is second-to-none and is ideal for a toy and train sale being well-lit, easily accessed and clean and modern."

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**Elkie Brooks** SINGING legend Elkie Brooks is appearing live on stage at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl on Saturday, July 12 (7.30pm). She will be performing some of her classic hits, blues and jazz, over five decades.

**Vintage rally** THE Glamorgan Iron

Society is holding a vintage rally at Margam Country Park on July 12-13.

Contact Justin Legg, chairman, on 07796 6857331.

**Llandow fete** LLANDOW village summer fete takes place on Saturday, July 19 at 2pm in the village hall.

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**Hog roast** BRYN CELYN care home at Maesteg Park, Maesteg will be hosting annual hog roast, in conjunction with Maesteg

Parkinson's Group on Wednesday, July 23 from 1pm.

There will also be games, stalls and at 5pm, Jimmy Elvis, Elvis impersonator/singer will

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### Razor's talk!

**NEIL 'Razor' Ruddock will be the speaker at The Mack Events Marquee in Romilly Park on Friday, July 25. The former footballer will relate tales from his playing days.**

Also appearing is a member of the exclusive Magic Circle and there will be a raffle, with proceeds going to Macmillan, and also a sporting memorabilia auction.

Contact [www.mackeventspresent.s.com](http://www.mackeventspresent.s.com) or call 07877 137894 or 07885795248.

### Plant sale

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### MARKET THEATRE COWBRIDGE MAYOR TAKES TO THE STAGE

The Mayor of Cowbridge - Cllr Peter Knapp - is to appear in distinctly non-mayoral robes at Cowbridge's Market Theatre next week. He will be acting in CADS's 175th production since its re-founding 68 years ago in 1946.

The show is *The 39 Steps*, the spoof on the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock movie that has been playing to packed houses in the West End of London for the past nine years. All the main features of the film appear: The Flying Scotsman, the escape across the moors, the crashing aeroplanes and death-defying (well almost) finale at The London Palladium. According to the show's adapter,

Patrick Barlow, the show features at least 250 roles, which are played in this case by 10 indefatigable actors.

In a tour de force, Peter himself will play several roles including a Cockney milkman, a querulous audience member, a Scottish Crofter with a beautiful daughter, a pilot, an English Lord, Professor and master spy, and the shy owner of a West Highland hotel.

Peter says, "The 39 Steps is a show like no other and marks another milestone in CADS's development and progress with smoke, lights and live music. I am certain that, despite my acting, it will prove hugely enjoyable to people of all ages. It is great comedy and the perfect summer show. Cowbridge is fortunate indeed to have so

many talented voluntary societies working for the good of the community and I do hope you will support us."

*The 39 Steps*, adapted by Patrick Barlow and directed by Peter Sain ley Berry, will be presented by Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) at Cowbridge's Market Theatre, from Tuesday 15 July to Saturday 19 July, in association with Samuel French Ltd.

Doors open at 7pm and the curtain rises at 7.30. Tickets are £7 from WG Davies, 38 Cowbridge High Street, or ring 01446 773874. The theatre is situated at the far end of the Cattle Market car park, off The Butts, which provides ample parking space.

(Peter Sain ley Berry)



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# Case is argued for more homes in the rural Vale

**THE Vale Council and three local housing associations have joined forces to argue the case for more affordable housing in the rural Vale.**

In a statement, they argue that there are 320 families in need of such housing who are priced out of the market.

A number of housing proposals in the rural Vale, many of which contain a proportion of affordable housing, are currently being opposed by local residents' action groups.

The local authority and its housing association partners; Newydd Housing Association, Hafod Housing, United Welsh and Wales and West Housing Association, have been working to build new affordable homes in rural areas since they signed the Rural Housing Pledge in 2012.

However, the statement says that more support is needed from residents in the county to reduce the 320 family total. They also argue that good quality affordable housing can help to maintain sustainable rural communities.

Last week, during rural housing week (June 30 – July 4), a social media campaign organised by Community Housing Cymru, in partnership with National Housing Federation, showcased the positive work that housing associations and local authorities achieve in rural areas across Wales.

The example chosen was a recent new housing development; Thaw Close in St Mary Church, which was built by Newydd Housing Association in partnership with the Vale Council. It offers six homes for affordable rent and two homes as low-cost home ownership

properties. The statement points out that this development is two miles from St Hilary, one of the most expensive places to live in Wales.

Coun Bronwen Brooks said: "A lack of affordable housing leads to a decreasing need for rural services and local amenities."

"Affordable housing is about much more than bricks and mortar – it's the lifeblood of a sustainable community."

"Local residents can contact the planning department to express their support for a rural development when they see a proposal on the council website."

"If a resident in the Vale is in need of rural housing they can get advice from the rural housing enabler on 01446 709237, or email [efaulkner@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:efaulkner@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)."

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**France well under way, I feel really honoured to have been within metres of the start line to wish the riders luck on their journey.**

Despite a setback for Britain on the first day when Mark Cavendish crashed out of the race, I think we can aspire to any human being who has put themselves through the months and years of training that it takes to achieve this incredible level of fitness and resilience.

On Saturday evening, I along with seven other adventure cyclists took to the stage for the Night of Adventures talk series that is run in aid of the Hope and Homes for children charity. We talked to a crowd of over 200 listeners about our cycling endeavours.

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### IN BRIEF

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group is meeting on Tuesday, July 15 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth from 7.30pm-9pm.**

**Dr Maitrayee Choudhury will speak on 'Cystic Fibrosis Related Diabetes'. All welcome.**

**Coach trip VALE of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members has a few seats left on a coach trip next Wednesday (July 16) to Lacock, leaving Cowbridge Town Hall at 9am.**

**Entry is free for National Trust members, and prospective members of the association are welcome; email [vofgant@gmail.com](mailto:vofgant@gmail.com).**

**Cream tea ON July 17, Cowbridge Senior Citizens will be holding an afternoon cream tea at The Quarter Penny Cafe (Parthings), at 3pm. Contact Mavis Ashford on 01446 775508 or Patricia Protheroe on 01446 775097 asap.**

## CYCLIST MARK'S BIG 'THANK YOU'

**LAST month, Llantwit Major resident Mark Snowden cycled 250 miles over three days from Manchester to Llantwit in aid of charity.**

Mark, a keen cyclist decided to raise money for the British Heart Foundation after his father recently had a heart bypass operation, as a thank you, but also raised money for six other charities who have supported family, friends



and the local community. Mark originally calculated 240 miles, but the total was reported to be 250.12 miles by his GPS phone app. With support,

over £600 raised, Mark would like to say a big thank you to all who have generously given donations, their time and support.



# Dinas Powys Rotarians welcome new president

ON Friday, June 27, Dinas Powys Rotary Club held its presidential handover night at Cardiff City Stadium, where over 50 members and guests enjoyed a memorable evening with excellent food and great entertainment.

Outgoing president Tony Stevens handed over to Colin Jones and wished him well for his forthcoming year.

Colin outlined his plans for the year and announced that Dinas Powys Rotary Club would be raising money for two charities, Macmillan Nurses and



President Colin Jones and his family.

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The evening was rounded off by songs from Lucy and fantastic comedy from Mark, both well known to the club.



Outgoing president Tony Stevens (right) with resident Colin Jones.

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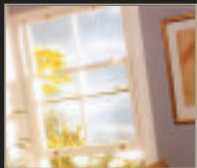
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## Who wants to build what, and where, in the Vale?

Mr Paul Donovan – **6 Station Approach, Penarth** – Vary Condition 2 to 2009/01261/FUL to alter opening hours to customer trading till 11pm Mon – Sat and till 10.30pm on Sunday.

Mr David Mulinder – **11 Windsor Terrace, Penarth** – Rear garage with first floor storage with dormer.

Mr P Hicks – **Plot 5, Craig yr Eos Avenue, Ogmere By Sea** – Proposed construction of detached residential dwelling.

Mr Nigel England – **Green Meadow, Penllyn, Cowbridge** – Renewal of planning permission 2009/00423/FUL for the demolition of single storey residential dwelling house with double garage annexe and replacement with two 4-bedroom detached houses with associated amenity space.

Mr Gerald Leeke – **Hensol Castle, Hensol Castle Park, Hensol** – Construct a single storey flat green roof, conference and wedding venue with associated bar within the inner courtyard of Hensol Castle and to reposition the lift providing access to the bedrooms at the first and second floors.

C Evans – **6 Spitzkop, Danesbury and Whitehaven, Spitzkop, Llantwit Major** – Fell Ash and Sycamore trees.

Mr Neil Jones – **65 Penlan Road, Llandough** – Dormer loft conversion (resubmission).

Mr David Thomas – **Yewtree Cottage, The Lane, St Nicholas** – Change of use from agricultural use to residential use.

Mr K Kinson – **11 Laburnum Way, Dinas Powys** – Proposed new build house to land to side.

Mr and Mrs Sexton – **13 St Bleddians Close,**

**Cowbridge** – Conservatory to rear.

Welsh Power Group Ltd – **Former Ineos Chlor Chemical works site, Barry** – Application for Full Planning Permission for the construction and operation of a small embedded Short Term Operating Reserve (STOR) generating plant and auxiliary equipment on the former Ineos Chlor Chemical Works site, Barry.

Mr Kevin Halborg – **The Kiosk, Stanwell Road, Penarth** – Material alterations to the building's facade.

Mr Rees – **18 Maes y Ffynnon, Bonvilston** – Ground floor rear extension to create new family room as well as loft extension with added gable to create third bedroom.

Mr Peter Marriot – **The Market Place Restaurant, 66 High Street, Cowbridge** – Construct a frameless glass entrance lobby on front elevation.

Mr Francis Kennett – **Curnix Farm, Moulton, Barry** – Re-design of proposed new access point, entrance drive and gateway.

Mr Thomas Garrett – **71 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – Demolition of a small/modern stud wall to the rear of the interior of the shop ground floor.

## Ruby (12) turns home style guru!

**RUBY DAVIES, Aged 12, from Llantwit Major, is making a name for herself in the world of interior design, after helping to produce the latest issue of national interiors magazine Style at Home.**

Ruby reviewed early designs of the August issue's pages, sharing her thoughts on other kids' rooms and interiors projects featured in *Style at Home* August. Ruby's comments and interiors tips appear throughout the magazine, which hit the shelves on July 2.

Jennifer Morgan, *Style at Home* editor, said:

"*Style at Home* is all about affordable ideas for stylish homes, and many of our readers have brilliant tips and tricks. We saw that Ruby had a real flair for interiors and she was a fantastic addition to the *Style at Home* team."

Ruby lives in Llantwit with her family. She gets her interiors inspiration from her mum's interiors magazines.

Ruby said: "I'm always re-arranging my bedroom and thinking of new ways to display my things, so I loved working as a Junior Stylist in *Style at Home*."

"It was great to give my comments on the featured rooms, as they gave me lots of ideas for my own bedroom".

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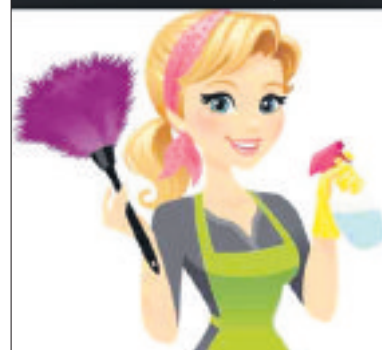
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# It's true... the grass really is greener on the other side!

**A** SURVEY by cleaning specialists, Jeyes, has found over a third of the UK's garden owners are green with envy over their neighbour's.

The study of 2,000 garden owners found 41 per cent of adults claim to peer longingly over the garden fence – eager to emulate the immaculate lawns, blooming hangings baskets and posh garden furniture of next door.

In fact, a fifth of Brits say there is fierce competition over the most impressive garden in the street, and surprisingly, over 42 per cent of people said they wouldn't give their neighbour the satisfaction of a compliment – even if they

thought their garden was looking particularly well presented.

The poll found a quarter of people keep tabs on their rival's horticultural plans by regularly having a sneaky look over the fence and making notes of any big changes.

One in eight has been annoyed by a comment from a neighbour on their garden – negative remarks on a trellis, mentions that a plant or bush looked shabby or 'jokey', and comments about the amount of dog mess were most likely to irk.

More than two-thirds were extremely proud of their garden but nearly one in 10 are currently locked in a bid to outdo their neighbours.

And when asked about garden misbehavior, some people cited cutting down

overhanging branches and plants, and routinely chucking slugs over the fence among their confessions.

However, it's not all war and six in 10 do have a neighbour's garden they genuinely think is really well-presented, and a third have taken inspiration from another's patch.

Among the most admired aspects of a garden was the gleaming patio, hanging baskets or a neat lawn.

A sneaky fifth have gone as far as to directly copy something they saw in a rival's garden that they thought looked particularly good.

A total of 53 per cent said they'd never ask for gardening advice from their neighbour, as they think the compliment would just go straight to the person's head.

And a cunning one in five have praised a neighbour's garden in some way, when deep down they actually thought it looked hideous.

The results also showed that the average garden owner has splashed out at least £1,150 on their garden since moving in.

The survey of garden owners was commissioned by Jeyes as part of its 'Great British Scrub Up' campaign to get British households cleaning their gardens.

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Mr Paul McDonald – 34 Old Port Road, Wenvoe – Loft conversion with flat roof dormer to the rear (plus internal alterations).

Mrs A Bafqih – Daisy Day Nursery, Sully Moors Road, Sully – Insertion of six windows at first floor level.

Ms Jayne Gregory – 104 Plymouth Road, Penarth – Extend single storey monopitch extension to rear facade and change windows.

Mrs Shelley Lloyd – 62 Cornwall Rise, Barry – Demolish existing single storey side extension and replace with single storey side extension.

Mr Ken Sievwright – 14 Pporth y Castell, Barry – Single storey extension.

Mr David Gore – Land south of Llanmaes – Construction of two dormer bungalows, church parking and walkway.

Mr Peter McLaren – Entrance to Custom House Place, Penarth Portway, Penarth – Replacement of the current automatic

sliding gate with an automatic barrier. Mr John Charalambous – 70 John Batchelor Way, Penarth – Amendment to 2014/00369/FUL from replacement of garage door to window to window and French doors.

Mrs Mavis Neal – 20 Britten Road, Penarth – Rear dormer. Mrs Jane Harding – 29 Laburnum Close, Barry – Retention of garden fence. Mr and Mrs Jason Hughes – 77 Llanmaes Road, Llantwit

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# Scouts and Guides enjoy their big day out in Romilly Park, and the sun shines on them all!



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**GARETH JOHNS**



(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7).

IN this modern era, with its games for the computer, tablet and mobile phone, it is reassuring to know that children still get great enjoyment from traditional activities, such as the Scouts and Guides, and their junior offshoots.

It all came together last Saturday in Romilly Park, Barry, at the popular annual fete.



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# READER'S MOVING POEM ON THE GREAT WAR (1914-1918)

**T**HE start of the Great War on August 4, 1914, was one of the most cataclysmic events of the 20th century and soldiers from Wales played a major role in many of its harrowing battles.

To honour the memory of all those who were injured, or who made the ultimate sacrifice, I have penned this poem.

**The Silver Shilling Soldiers**  
The Great World War is history  
One hundred years have passed  
Not one old soldier is left alive

To describe the horrors faced.  
The Army roamed the kingdom  
Offering a King's silver shilling  
To any man ready to fight and die  
For a shiny silver shilling  
Young men in their thousands  
Heeded the clarion call  
And rallied to the colours  
Heroes one and all  
They came from Britain's Empire Every colour, race and creed  
To fight for the mother country  
In its hour of greatest need  
As Britain mobilised for war  
Its intention was clear  
To defend France and Belgium From German

led aggression  
The volunteers sang popular songs  
As they marched to the sound of drums  
No echoes then of exploding shells  
Machine gun bullets; nor deadly poison gas  
Women, young and old lined streets  
Of villages, towns and cities  
To watch and cheer their loved ones  
As they marched toward the guns  
The Somme, Passchendaele, Ypres, Mons and Arras  
Were the terrible killing fields Of the silver shilling soldiers  
In the Great War to end all wars  
Four thousand men from Wales perished At Mametz Wood on the Somme  
Fighting shoulder to

shoulder  
With Scottish, Irish and Englishmen  
Out of the trenches they climbed  
As piercing whistles blew  
Over the top they clambered  
To face an enemy concealed from view  
Shells exploded above their heads  
And relentless machine gun fire Raked the killing grounds  
It was a bloody and savage war  
Were they Lions led by donkeys  
As suggested by German generals?  
No! Just silver shilling soldiers  
Fighting to win against all odds  
On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day Of the eleventh month in nineteen eighteen  
Warring nations agreed an armistice.  
When almost a million British and allied soldiers Lay dead or dying in a blood soaked foreign fields  
Who made the ultimate sacrifice?  
The silver shilling soldiers  
Who shared the spoils?  
Certainly not the soldiers  
Did it end all wars?

It did not!  
Why? Only God Almighty knows!  
Will they ever be forgotten?  
Never by my generation.  
Will such a war happen again?  
Please Almighty God, No! Amen.  
**Ray Pritchard, Talbot Green.**

**Postscript:** 272,924 men from Wales were recruited or conscripted to fight in the Great World War 1914-1918.  
Over 40,000 lost their lives. The Welsh per capita lost more sons during the Great War than any other nation.

Life in Great Britain changed dramatically after the war. There was more equality, especially for women.  
For the first time in British history, ordinary men and some women were allowed the vote. The almost feudal rule of the aristocracy was broken forever.

However, the class system remained. It can be strongly argued that it still exists today; though it does not have the same degree of overriding prominence that it enjoyed during the years before the Great War.

# Fun day swells hospice funds



A hospice family: mum (dressed as Alice) Kat Bancroft and her son, Riley (far left).

**Tŷ HAFAN'S Alice in Wonderland-themed family fun day raised almost £8,000 for the family hospice for young lives at Sully.**

The theme, chosen to represent the first event held at Tŷ Hafan when it opened in 1999, had a whole host of attractions, including a Mad Hatter's tea party, a wishing tree and a rabbit hole.  
More than 2,500 visitors flocked to the fun day at the hospice in the Vale, including families supported by Tŷ Hafan, with some dressed in Alice in Wonderland costumes.  
The event, supported by Dow Corning, offered something for everyone, from craft stalls and crazy golf to giant chess and fairground rides. Not forgetting performances from the Rock Choir, fantastic animal displays as well as special visits from Alice in Wonderland characters.  
Visitors also enjoyed being shown around the hospice by members of the

care services team to see the incredible facilities on offer for life-limited children, young people and their families.  
Emily Fradd, of Tŷ Hafan, said: "We are so pleased so many visitors enjoyed our family fun day. The Alice in Wonderland theme was really popular and it was a wonderful way to mark our 15 year anniversary.  
"The event is a great way for us to say thank you to the public for their continued support as well as keeping them informed about our new facilities, like our hydrotherapy pool and new adventure playground. I would like to say thank you to Dow Corning for sponsoring the event, our volunteers for all their hard work, and everyone who made the event possible."  
Tŷ Hafan needs to raise £3.7m each year to provide its services to life-limited children, young people and their families from across Wales. To find out how to support the hospice, please visit [www.tyhafan.org](http://www.tyhafan.org).

# PARTY TIME FOR OLIVE (AGED 100!)

**OLIVE BALL, a resident at the Cartref Porthceri Care Home, has celebrated her 100th birthday, with staff holding a party complete with live entertainment and dancing.**  
She was joined by her niece, Rita, who visits her daily, and was presented with a birthday cake made especially for her by the home's cook.  
Olive was also visited by Mayor

Howard Hamilton and his wife Carol, but her favourite birthday treat was receiving her 100th birthday card from the Queen.  
Olive has lived in Barry since she was two years old, on Holton Road and Brook Street, and was brought up as the youngest of nine children with three brothers and five sisters.  
One of her fondest memories is of the dog next door when she was little, that her mother said taught her to walk, sitting on her father's back.

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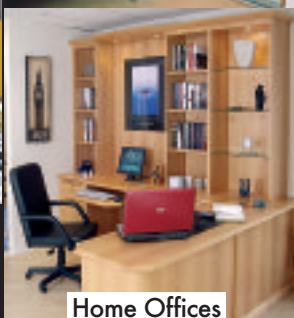


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# Speaker's inspiring message to students... 'keep working hard and rewards will come'

BARRY Comprehensive School's annual presentation evening has celebrated academic success across the entire curriculum and also includes awards for outstanding contributions to the school, excellent attendance and for sporting achievement.

Mr Phil Steele, BBC broadcaster, former rugby player with Newport RFC and a former teacher entertained and inspired as guest speaker, presenting awards to the students.

Mr Steele informed the students and parents that his first televised broadcast came when he was 39 years old, highlighting how you have to keep working hard to get the rewards that you want.

Joining Mr Steele were a host of special guests who return every year to award significant prizes to the students, many of them having given years of service to the school.

The head boy and girl also gave an overview of the successes of the school this year. Again students are accessing the top universities to complete courses across Britain. One student will be attending Oxford University to study medicine.

The school places great value on its close partnerships with the local community and the presentation evening provided an opportunity to share and celebrate in its success, a spokesperson explained.

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Christopher Neale receives the Masha Estates Award for Maths from Phil Steele



Connor Galsworthy receiving the George Scott Award.



Conor Ling received the PTA Prize for Year 7 from Phil Steele.



ICT Faculty Student of the Year Thomas Jones.



Anti-Bullying Counsellors Award winners.



Head Boy Samuel Thompson and Head Girl Lauren Collins delivering the vote of thanks.



Ieuan Short receiving the Major Edgar Jones Cup for contribution to the community and school life from Phil Steele.



Jake McNery receiving the Mike Jones Athletics Cup from Mike Jones.



Dulovan Hughes receiving the Anne Williams Shield



Harry Lambert receiving the Chair of Governors' Plate for outstanding attitude and effort throughout the year



James Dodd receiving the PTA Prize for Year 9.



Department of Physical Education prizewinners.



Drama Department prizewinners.



English Department prizewinners.



French Department prizewinners.



ABOVE:  
History  
Department  
prizewinners.



LEFT:  
David Gent and Scott Nelson receiving the Leslie Mathews Cup for outstanding commitment to the school.



# Ty Hafan fun day goes with a swing as crowds flock to support their favourite local charity



Among the afternoon's entertainment was an enthusiastic performance from a local rock choir.



Volunteers came forward to raise funds by being locked up in the stocks.



AS is reported on page 21 of this week's GEM, Ty Hafan's recent family fun day was a huge success – raising almost £8,000 for hospice funds.

The event was supported by Dow Corning, offered all the traditional attractions of a summer fete, including stalls and fairground rides, as well as music and dance from various local groups.

Visitors also took the chance to look around the hospice, and see the facilities that public donations and support have made possible.

## Priority service for vulnerable residents



LOCAL power companies have created priority services for residents who are especially vulnerable in the event of an electricity supply cut.

Daniel St John of Western Power Distribution and the Energy Saving Trust explained the scheme to Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, setting out what options are available at a meeting in Murchfield Hall. It is a free service for people who are medically dependent or registered disabled, a pensioner, have a hearing or visual impediment or long term ill health.

Contact  
www.westernpower.co.uk/About-us/Priority-Services.aspx.

ABOVE: Daniel St John addressing Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern volunteers with chairman Coun John Fanshaw.

## Pupils open garden to the public

RECENTLY, the of wasteland at the school garden at St school into a garden Fagans Church in worthy of being chosen Wales Primary School, to open under the Cardiff was thrown prestigious yellow book open to the public for the first time, under the National Garden vegetable beds, a Scheme. Pupils, parents, circle, a woodland volunteers and staff area, and a fruit forest have joined forces over garden. Tours, led by the last few years, the children, were on transforming an area offer.



## A day out in the sunshine!

BARRY Friends and Neighbours had a wonderful day out in Porthcawl enjoying the sunshine and looking around the many shops.

They enjoyed listening to the street music and had lunch in North Cornelly.

They then spent a short time in Bridgend town where they were amazed to see how it had altered and grown.

For members, many of them disabled, this

was a opportunity to enjoy a day out, and for many of them it was their first time out of Barry for years.

The members are now looking forward to their mystery summer trip and lunch at Spinney and watching Hairspray at Barry Memorial Hall with Superstars.

The group meets at The Senior Health Shop, Holton Road. Contact Gay Fified 01446 400044 for further details.

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# Sully local history group pays a visit to Flatholm



ABOVE: The U3A group of Dai and Julie Jones, Kathy Beach, and Nigel and Lorraine Adams.

**FIVE members of the Sully U3A history group made the five-mile trip to Flatholm on a converted small car ferry, sailing from the Penarth side of the Barrage.**

Also visiting the island the same day was an ITV film crew filming for Coast and Country, which is scheduled to be shown on August 15 at 8pm.

The island has a fascinating history, with the earliest known visitor being St Cadoc in the late 6th century, who visited the island for periods of meditation. In the 10th century, it was briefly occupied by a defeated Viking army, and then in 1067 the mother of the defeated King Harold took shelter there before fleeing to St Omer. There is evidence of farming in the Middle Ages on the island.

The most significant monuments date from the 19th and 20th centuries, with the early 19th century lighthouse; and in 1869 a fortress was completed on the island to resist a feared French invasion by Napoleon III, which never happened (though the original guns can still be seen today, together with the barracks and the fortress

structures). The island achieved international significance in 1897 when Marconi transmitted the first ever wireless message over the sea from Flatholm to Lavernock Point. The event is commemorated by a rather unusual sculpture erected in 1997.

There are also the remains of Second World War fortifications with two anti aircraft batteries. The island also has the remains of a Cholera Isolation Hospital built in 1896.

The island is also fascinating for its wildlife and fauna, being home to one of the largest gull colonies in Wales with herring gulls and black headed gulls. We were fortunate to see their young chicks and eggs, though one or two dive-bombed members of our party!

Also we saw rabbits which we were able to get close up to, as they seemed unafraid of humans.

Unfortunately, none of us saw any of the blue speckled slow worms, which are distinct from those inhabiting the mainland – but we did see a large number of rare wild leeks, with their distinctive purple pom-pom like flowers!

## Romilly keep up their good form

**BARRY Romilly entertained Cardiff Side St Joseph's at Romilly Park on Saturday looking to continue their good start to the league season.**

On a sunny afternoon the game began with St Joseph's showing in the early ends that they were determined to make the 'Rom' work for a positive result.

After five ends, Romilly were reeling from some excellent bowling by the St Joseph's rinks and found themselves way behind by 23 shots with only Jeff Wright's rink managing to hold a four shot lead.

To the eye, the bowling green looked in excellent condition but in reality, the green was very heavy, creating slow bowling conditions with any home advantage being lost; and judging by the early score, obviously favouring the visitors.

In fairness to the Romilly players, they battled hard to overcome the adverse conditions and recover the deficit which they achieved by the 10th end moving into a nine shot lead.

The Romilly rink of Jeff Wright was continuing to play well and were now ahead by

13 shots, whereas Graham Cogbill's rink was struggling against a St Joseph's rink skipped by an inspired Kevin Lewis, finding themselves behind by nine shots.

With the overall score at halfway in favour of the 'Rom' 44-35 all Romilly rinks began to up their game and this coincided with a slight improvement to the pace of the green as the sun beat down allowing bowlers to bowl rather than heave.

The change in pace obviously favoured the 'Rom' who began to take control of the game and by the fifteenth end the lead had progressed to 24 shots, 69-45.

Wright's rink continued their fine form whilst Brian Foscolo's rink who had struggled early on due to the heavy conditions began to play with confidence and were now 13 shots ahead, even Cogbill's rink had recovered and were only six shots behind with Mel Newman's rink holding a seven shot advantage.

The final six ends saw Romilly maintain their form and finish the game 25 shots ahead winning 89-64, taking 12 points to St Joseph's two, leaving the 'Rom' currently top of the league.

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# South Wales Police hands out annual awards at its HQ



PS Paul Revers receives a Lifetime Achievement award from Assistant Chief Constable Richard Lewis.

**SOUTH Wales Police honoured officers and staff from across Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan at the annual Central Division Police Awards and Commendations ceremony at police HQ.**

The showcase event in Bridgend is in its seventh year and winners in the 12 award categories were announced.

The aim of the awards is to recognise and reward outstanding problem-solving, while highlighting the benefits of policing in partnership with local communities. The awards also seek to celebrate the important contribution that police staff make.

Divisional Commander for Central Division, Chief Superintendent Joe Ruddy, said: "I would like to congratulate all the nominees and winners in each of the categories."

"The commendation and award ceremony is an opportunity to pay tribute to the efforts of our staff and partners who have contributed to



PC Katie Butler receives a Bravery Award from Chief Supt Joe Ruddy.

the safety of the community. "The awards are not only an opportunity to showcase the professionalism and dedication of the teams within Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan, but they also highlight and share examples of best practice between officers and staff across the division".

## AWARD WINNERS

**BRavery award – PC Katie Butler – For displaying outstanding bravery in her attempt to save the life of a female threatening to jump from a fire escape.**

**Diversity award – PC Stephen Brown – For**

actively targeting hate crime and rebuilding the confidence of a member of a minority group within the community.

**Excellence award – PC Rhys Edwards – For entering a river to provide reassurance to an injured male who has suffered a seizure and remaining with him until the Fire and Ambulance Service arrived.**

**Lifetime Achievement award – Shared with DS Steve Bartle, Inspector Alan James and PS Paul Revers – For their exceptional professionalism, commitment and contribution within South Wales Police over the course of their careers.**

## Bishop confirms five



**ABOVE: Bishop David Wilbourne with All Saints confirmation candidates TWO young people and three adults were recently confirmed at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, in a moving All Age service attended by over 160 people.**

Bishop David Wilbourne, Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, confirmed Paul Evans, Peter and Sandra Chapman, Toby Jones and Rhydian Thomas as full members of the church.

Peter was also baptised as part of the service.

The musical elements of worship were varied and uplifting: During

communion, Nigel Lloyd-Latham and Vickie Porteus played Nigel's original composition 'Meditation No. 2 for violin and piano', and organist James Bull finished with a rousing voluntary, 'Litanies' by Jehan Alain.

Four members of the youth group shared the reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans, and Rev Dr Mark Dimond who read the Gospel.

He recently took up his new post as Chaplain to the Archbishop of Wales,

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Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2014/00775/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed covered external access stair to existing stone built property which is situated within the rear curtilage  
Location:/Lleoliad: Rear of No. 20, High Street, Cowbridge  
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

**Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig**

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2014/00638/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Construct a single storey flat green roof conference and wedding venue with associated bar within the inner courtyard of Hensol Castle and to reposition the lift providing access to the bedrooms at the first and second floors  
Location:/Lleoliad: Hensol Castle, Hensol Castle Park, Hensol  
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Hensol Castle, Grade I, Hensol Lodge, Grade II and Hensol Bridge, Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2014/00744/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed four car garage  
Location:/Lleoliad: The Rectory, Llandough  
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting The Rectory, Grade II and The Village Hall, Grade II

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

**Dated / Dyddiedig: 10 July, 2014**

**M. Goldsworthy**  
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,  
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT



# Patch leads the Penarth and District Ramblers

**WITH Geraint and his sheepdog Patch playing host on a recent summer evening walk beginning from Cold Knap, a group of eight set off along the promenade with the lovely pebble beach on the seaward side for the journey to Cold Knap Point.**

Circling the lake to reach Bron y Mor, the group headed up through Birch Grove to the pretty little urban woodland that has officially been designated a nature reserve by the Countryside Council for Wales and is cared for by volunteers on behalf of the council.

Following gravel paths uphill to the Dingle, the public footpath cuts through the centre of the Garden Suburb to follow the line of the 500m railway tunnel that passes from the western end of Romilly Park almost to Porthkerry village.

The first part of the Garden Suburb was built around 1915, primarily to improve the health of the community by its lay-out and included the church and the school; with the second part providing homes for ex-servicemen returning from the Great War and after 1925 a huge development of houses was built by the Railway Company.

Tramping narrow hedge-lined paths to cut through Bronawelon and Tan y Fron into Lovers Lane, the path led downhill into the main meadow of Porthkerry Park and the 110-foot Porthkerry Viaduct, built between 1896-7 to connect the collieries in the south Wales valleys with the Vale of Glamorgan Railway and

Barry town.

Passing underneath one of the 16 massive stone arches and crossing a meadow for the climb up through a sunken lane, the group arrived in Porthkerry village for a quick peep at the beautiful white painted 13th century St Curig's Church, where in the churchyard some of the shipwrecked sailors who were drowned in nearby Porthkerry Bay are laid to rest.

Following a different pathway downhill through the woods and back into Porthkerry Park and crossing the pitch and putt course to endure a stiff climb up the Golden Stairs, allegedly named because a gold coin was planted beneath each step, led them to the cliff top.

Tramping the wide grass meadow in front of Marine Drive brought magnificent views out over the Bristol Channel to the Somerset coast, across to Weston-Super-Mare and over the Knap and Barry Waterfront, while descending past the Roman remains brought them back to their start point.

On July 12, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12-mile moderate walk taking in Neath Castle and Melincourt Falls; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On July 17, the evening ramble will leave Dinas Powys village square at 7pm for a four-mile easy trek taking in 16 kissing gates; contact Val H on 029 2051 3274.

*Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.*

## Marie Curie's garden party

**A FUN-FILLED day for all the family is promised when a local hospice stages one of its biggest fundraising events.**

The Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth will once again open its doors for the Annual Garden Party and Fete on Saturday, August 2, in the gardens at the Hospice and Windsor Park overlooking the seafont.

There will be entertainment from the New Orleans Parade Band, as well as the usual face painting, children's games, a barbecue and hog roast, a raffle with

the chance to win some great prizes, and the usual stalls where visitors can pick up a bargain.

The gate will be opened at 12:30pm and it will cost £1 for adults, who will then be entered into a lucky programme with the chance of winning a mystery prize. Entry is free for children.

Donations of books, bric a brac and any unwanted gifts can be handed into the fundraising office at the hospice from July 24 onwards.

Telephone the fundraising office at the hospice on 02920 426068 for more details.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 1) ORDER 2014

1. On the 8th July 2014 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 14th July 2014 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 1) Order 2014"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 14th July 2014 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

**Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013**

### SCHEDULE 1

**Insert Map of the Following Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places**

**Brook Street, Barry (33) (AU53 1/14)**

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 31 and 33 in a north westerly direction for 5 metres.

**Jenner Road, Barry (122) (AW49 1/14)**

On its north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 120 and 122 in a south westerly direction for 6.6 metres

**Oxford Street, Barry (50) (AY48 1/14)**

On its south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 48 and 50 in a north easterly direction for 6.6 metres.

**Plymouth Road, Barry (44) (AZ51 1/14)**

On its north side from the boundary line between property numbers 43 and 44 in a westerly direction for 6.6 metres.

**Princes Street, Barry (72) (AX50 1/14)**

On its north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 70 and 72 in a south westerly direction for 6.6 metres.

**Somerset Road, Barry (AU51 1/14)**

On its north west side from a point 10 metres south west of its junction with Tynewydd Road, south westwards for a distance of 6.6 metres.

**Woodlands Road, Barry (61) (AU52 1/14)**

Revoke existing Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except Resident Permit Holders and replace with Disabled Persons

Parking Place on its south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 59 and 61 in a south westerly direction for 6 metres.

**Druids Green, Cowbridge (19) (AB28 1/14)**

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 19 and 21 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5.8 metres.

**Woodland Place, Penarth (AK64 1/14)**

On its south east side from a point 48 metres north east of its junction with Stanwell Road north eastwards for a distance of 6.6 metres.

**Cawnpore Street, Penarth (4)**

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 6 and 4 in a south easterly direction for 5.5 metres.

### SCHEDULE 2

**Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places**

**Salisbury Road, Barry (33) (AX48 1/14)**

Revoke existing Disabled Persons Parking Place

On its north west side from the boundary line between property numbers 33 and 35 in a south westerly direction for 4.6 metres.

**Station Street, Barry (60) (AW52 1/14)**

Revoke existing Disabled Persons Parking Place

On its north east side from a point 80 metres south east of its junction with Cross Street for a distance of 6.6 metres south-east.

**Welford Street, Barry (9) (AY49 1/14)**

Revoke existing Disabled Persons Parking Place

On its south side from the boundary line between property numbers 9 and 11 in an easterly direction for 5.4 metres.

**Woodlands Road, Barry (64) (AV52 1/14)**

Revoke existing Disabled Persons Parking Place and replace with Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except Resident Permit Holders: On its north west side from the boundary line between property numbers 62 and 64 in a south westerly direction for 5.9 metres.

**Andrew Road, Penarth (17) (AH62 1/14)**

Revoke existing Disabled Persons Parking Place

On its north side from the boundary line between property numbers 15 and 17 in a westerly direction for 5 metres.

**Salop Street, Penarth (55) (AJ65 1/14)**

Revoke existing Disabled Persons Parking Place

On its south west side from a point 100 metres north west of its junction with Albert Road for a distance of 6.6 metres north west.

**Dated this 10th day of July 2014.**

**M. E. Punter**

**Director of Visible Services & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,  
Wenvoe CF5 6AA**



## CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2014 GORCHYMYN (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIO) (RHIF 1) (GWAHARDD AROS, LLWYTHO A PHARCIO A CHYFYNGU AR AROS LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

1. Ar 8 Gorffennaf 2014, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53, a 124 a Rhan IV o Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004, a phob pŵer galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn i'r diben cyf-fredinol a ddisgrifir isod:

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 14 Gorffennaf 2014 neu ar y dyddiadau y bydd yr holl anwyddion a marciau ffordd yn eu lle. Fe'i hadwaenir fel 'Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiedig) (Rhif 1) (Gwahardd Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2014'.

3. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos y manau dan sylw, yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa.

4. Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilyysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpari-aethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod bŵer i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferiynau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 14 Gorffennaf 2014 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

Bydd y gorchymyn Rheoli Traffig canlynol yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

**Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) Gwahardd Aros, Llwyddo a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio 2013.**

### ATODLEN 1

**Cynhwysr map o'r manau parcio canlynol a gynigiwyd ar gyfer pobl anabl.**

**Brook Street, Y Barri (33) (AU53 1/14)**

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o linell derfyn rhifau tai 31 a 33 am 5 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

**Jenner Road, Y Barri (122) (AW49 1/14)**

Ar ei hochr ogledd-orllewinol o linell derfyn rhifau tai 120 a 122 am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

**Oxford Street, Y Barri (50) (AY48 1/14)**

Ar ei hochr dde-ddwyrainol o linell derfyn rhifau tai 48 a 50 am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain.

**Plymouth Road, Y Barri (44) (AZ51 1/14)**

Ar ei hochr ogleddol o linell derfyn rhifau tai 43 a 44 am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad y gorllewin.

**Princes Street, Y Barri (72) (AX50 1/14)**

Ar ei hochr ogledd-orllewinol o linell derfyn rhifau tai 70 a 72 am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

**Somerset Road, Y Barri (AU51 1/14)**

Ar ei hochr ogledd-orllewinol o fan sy'n 10 medr i'r de orllewin o'r gyffordd â Tynewydd Road, am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

**Woodlands Road, Y Barri (61) (AU52 1/14)**

Dilêr trefniant 'cyfyngu ar aros o ddydd Llun i ddydd Gwener (8am-6pm) a dim hawl dychwelyd cyn pen 2 awr ac eithrio gan ddelliaid trwydded breswyl', a darparu lle parcio ar gyfer pobl anabl yn ei le, ar ochr dde-ddwyrainol yr heol o linell derfyn rhifau tai 59 a 61 am 6 medr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

**Druids Green, Y Bont-faen (19) (AB28 1/14)**

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o linell derfyn rhifau tai 19 a 21 am 5.8 medr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

**Woodland Place, Penarth (AK64 1/14)**

Ar ei hochr dde-ddwyrainol o fan sy'n 48 medr i'r gogledd ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Stanwell Road am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain.

**Cawnpore Street, Penarth (4)**

Ar ei hochr ogledd-ddwyrainol o linell derfyn rhifau tai 6 a 4 am 5.5 medr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

### ATODLEN 2

**Cynigiwyd dileu'r manau parcio canlynol ar gyfer pobl anabl**

**Salisbury Road, Y Barri (33) (AX48 1/14)**

Dileu'r lle parcio presennol ar gyfer pobl anabl:

ar ochr ogledd-orllewinol yr heol o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau tai 33 a 35 am 4.6 medr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

**Station Street, Y Barri (60) (AW52 1/14)**

Dileu'r lle parcio presennol ar gyfer pobl anabl:

ar ochr ogledd-ddwyrainol yr heol o fan sy'n 80 medr i'r de ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Cross Street am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

**Welford Street, Y Barri (9) (AY49 1/14)**

Dileu'r lle parcio presennol ar gyfer pobl anabl:

ar ochr dde'r heol o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau tai 9 ac 11 am 5.4 medr i gyfeiriad y dwyrain.

**Woodlands Road, Y Barri (64) (AV52 1/14)**

Dileu'r lle parcio presennol ar gyfer pobl anabl a gosod trefniant 'cyfyngu ar aros o ddydd Llun i ddydd Gwener (8am - 6pm) a dim hawl dychwelyd cyn pen 2 awr ac eithrio gan ddelliaid trwydded breswyl' yn ei le: ar ochr ogledd-orllewinol yr heol o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau tai 62 a 64 am 5.9 medr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

**Andrew Road, Penarth (17) (AH62 1/14)**

Dileu'r lle parcio presennol ar gyfer pobl anabl:

ar ochr ogleddol yr heol o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau tai 15 ac 17 am 5 medr i gyfeiriad y gorllewin.

**Salop Street, Penarth (55) (AJ65 1/14)**

Dileu'r lle parcio presennol ar gyfer pobl anabl ar ochr dde-orllewinol yr heol o fan sy'n 100 medr i'r gogledd orllewin o'r gyffordd ag Albert Road am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

**Dyddiedig 10 Gorffennaf 2014.**

**M. E. Punter**

**Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau,  
Gwernô CF5 6AA**





# Youth presentation caps off a wonderful season

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC** Youth came together to celebrate the end of the 2013/14 campaign, so that the coaches and management could pay tribute to the squad who had represented the club so well during the season.

As is the way with youth rugby, it was also an opportunity to say farewell to those players who were moving on into senior rugby and to welcome the younger players.

The coaching staff of Tony Bennett, James Groom and Gerwyn Wilcox were unanimous in their praise for the way the squad had worked together throughout 2013/14.

The youth season was a mixed one based on the very high standards set at all age levels within the club.

The squad finished mid-table in what all agreed was a very competitive Ospreys A league. They reached the quarter-finals of the Welsh National Cup and lost very narrowly to Crymch Rugby Club.

They did, however, finish the season on a high, winning the Bridgend County Cup in a tough match against Nantylfyllon at Pyle Rugby Club.

A number of players had received honours during the season, with prop forward Lewis Kirby selected for the Wales under-18 training squad.

Other honours included selection for the Ospreys under-18 regional squad for forwards Lewis Kirby, Lloyd Rees and Matthew Bennett and backs Jake Williams, Ashton Chalmers and Ben Jones.

Other members of the squad had been recognised by the clubs as being of a standard to play for the senior teams with Iestyn Merriman, Jake Williams and Scott Govan all playing for the first XV and Liam Phillips and Scott Cussack playing for the seconds.

Iestyn Merriman had also made his playing debut for the Bridgend Ravens.

The youth were delighted to welcome Wales scrum half Rhys Webb and Ospreys loose forward Lloyd Evans, who had agreed to make the actual presentations, but also had played such an important role throughout the season as

*Bridgend Athletic youth recently celebrated the end of a successful season.*



part of the youth coaching team.

As always, it was extremely difficult to pick out individual players from a regular playing squad of 25-plus, but all agreed there were certain squad members who had been outstanding, even from within this very talented group.

The first award of the night was for Players' Player of the Year. This award went to forward Iestyn Merriman. Iestyn had been outstanding all season. He was the top try scorer, playing both in the back row and at hooker.

In addition to scoring the most tries, a number of these were in crucial matches, no more so than in the County final when he scored the game's first try and set up the third.

The second award of the night was for Best Back and this went to centre Tom Jenkins. Tom played in almost every match and was outstanding in both attack and defence.

His strong running lines and angles created many openings for his fellow backs and his rock solid defence had rarely if ever been breached.

The third award of the night was for Clubman of the Year, an important award in that it goes to the player who, while not always first on the team sheet, shows dedication on the training pitch and a willingness to step in

wherever and whenever the coaches call upon him.

This very deservedly went to young winger Shane Howells. Shane didn't miss a training session and got better and better as the season went on.

The fourth award was the Captain's award and this of course went to club captain Rory Thomas. Rory had been outstanding all season leading as he does from the front and very much by example.

The final award of the night was the Player of the Year, selected by the coaches, and this went to club captain Rory Thomas.

As previously stated, Rory was inspirational both as a player and as captain, played with his heart on his sleeve and was fully deserving of this important award after some extremely physical performances throughout the year.

So the season came to a satisfactory end but these days rugby players do not stand still for long and training for the season 2014/15 began again on Tuesday, July 8 at Newbridge Fields when the latest crop of players will begin to prepare for another tough season.

Once again, the coaching staff of Tony Bennett, James Groom and Gerwyn Wilcox would like to thank all the players who took part last season.

Joining the coaching team next season is former regional and Wales international back rower Gavin Thomas, and all four coaches welcome old and new players to attend pre-season training for the upcoming year.

# Nurse's patience pays off with Wales Games vest!

**A NURSE** at the Princess of Wales will take on the "challenge of a lifetime" when she competes at the Commonwealth Games.

Carol Bridge, a staff nurse at the Bridgend hospital's acute medical unit, has been selected for Wales' triathlon team.

Originally chosen as a reserve for Glasgow 2014, she has been called up to the main squad after a teammate was injured.

This will be Carol's first time at an international competition. However, she has represented Wales in running and cycling events across the country, as well as competing in triathlons at Welsh and British championships.

To prepare, she trains for around 24 hours a week. Carol swims every day, followed by a running or cycling session and conditioning work.

Carol, from Llwynypia, said: "I began competing when I was 15. I started to run cross-country at school



*Welsh triathlete Carol Bridge*

and my dad took me swimming. As that's two of the three disciplines, I only had to start cycling. "I can't wait for the whole experience. It will be really exciting to be at the athletes' village and to watch the opening ceremony.

"Competing at the Commonwealth Games is something I have always wanted to do, but I never thought I would be selected. It is such an achievement and I am so proud to be going.

"I am getting nervous and I hope I do myself justice. All I can do is train hard and perform at my best. I can't do any more than that."

The chairman of ABMU Health Board Professor Andrew Davies said: "Being selected to represent Wales at an international competition is a fantastic achievement by Carol. "Representing your country at any event is huge, but to do so in such a demanding sport like triathlon shows amazing dedication and energy."

# Cricket season is now in full swing!



**PENCOED** seconds recently took on Cynon Valley, and **JULIE HANCOCK** was on hand to capture the action.

*You can see more pictures at: [juliehancock.org](http://juliehancock.org).*



# Busy time for bowlers

**ON Tuesday, June 24, Llantwit Major ladies played a triples competition at home for the H and J Semens Shield.**

In beautiful sunshine, it was a hard-fought game with Helen Tilley leading her team of Edna Hardie and Kay Jones to victory.

On Thursday, June 26, we welcomed Prince of Wales Porthcawl for a CCS match which was rearranged because of bad weather earlier in the season.

Unfortunately, the rain caught up with us again but the game went on. PoW found no difficulty with the weather and their teams played well; Llantwit Major did not adapt so well, losing on all three rinks.

On Tuesday, July 1, we celebrated 40 years of bowling at Llantwit Major. It was with pleasure we welcomed past members, especially Meryl Draisy, a founder

member. Unfortunately, Jean Dean, also a founder member, was unable to attend.

Thank you to all members past and present who made this a memorable day, and to Leanne and Lynne, our very capable caterers.

On Thursday, July 3, we travelled to Cadoxton to play a league game with a glorious view over the Bristol Channel; we all had an enjoyable game.

The green was a bit challenging but we managed to win two of our three games. Etta's rink of E Hardie H Tilley D Hurley and E Gray were winning all the way and had a score of 20-13. Carol's rink of L Crouch, M Horgan, E Nicholls and C Willmot struggled for the first half but finally mastered the green and finished with a score of 16-12. Marian's rink of K Jones, P Pike, M Morgan and M Lewis were never in contention and finished with a score of 6-26.

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Send us your sporting news, reports and other items - [gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk](mailto:gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk)

# Phoenix training

**TRAINING** starts for Pencoed Phoenix seniors on July 16 at Pencoed RFC and July 17 for the under-16s Phoenix.

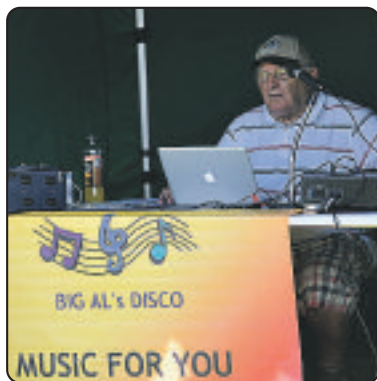
All new players welcome to join - either contact the club on 01656 860152 or visit the Facebook page under Phoenix.

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# SUN SHINES BRIGHT ON COLOURFUL DAY OF CARNIVAL FUN AT PENCOED!



THE sun shone on Pencoed Carnival last Saturday (July 5) and local photographer Julie Hancock was at hand on the carnival field to take these colourful snapshots of the day!

## Bridgend takes a Big Step against Bullying

ON Saturday (July 5) staff and young people from the 'Bridgend Says End Bullying' (BsEB) project, in partnership with V2C (Valleys to Coast), Western Beacons mountain search and rescue team and Youth Works, joined in the 'Big Step Against Bullying' walk.

Around 50 people took part, including the Mayor of Bridgend, Coun Gary Thomas, councillors Huw David and David Owen, pupils from Porthcawl Comprehensive, BsEB young people and staff, Youth Works young people and staff, and members of the Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue team.

The walk began at the top of the valley in Nantymoel, and continued for 16.5 miles, all the way down to the coast at Kenfig Nature Reserve, pausing along the way for a break at the Groundwork Office in Tondur.

The purpose was to raise awareness of bullying issues and of the Lottery-funded anti-bullying project that is part

of the Bridgend Youth Service.

The project works with young people across the county between the age of 11 and 25, raising awareness of bullying issues in local schools, colleges and youth clubs and also working with young people to help them improve their self-esteem and confidence.

Finola Pickwell (BsEB development worker) said:

"The walk has been a huge success and has succeeded in highlighting the work of the BsEB project across the county and of the continued partnerships and commitment to tackle bullying in the community in partnership with local Schools, organisations and professionals".

To coincide with the walk, there is also an on-line quiz open to anyone aged 11 to 25 with the chance to win an iPod Shuffle, which can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/LKYD7T](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LKYD7T).

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For further information, contact the team on 01656 754920, by e-mail on [bseb@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:bseb@bridgend.gov.uk) or visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bsebevents](http://www.facebook.com/bsebevents).



## Guides handed team work badges



THE 1st Wick and St. Brides Major Guide unit received Assembly Member and Welsh Government Minister. badges on July 3 for their 'Free Being Me' project, which "I felt inspired by the efforts of the Guides unit and their success in getting their badges, and I look forward to following their continued success and hard work in the included "excellent team work".

Vale AM Jane Hutt made the presentation (above) and also spent time with the Guides talking about her work as an "Guides," she commented.

## All roads lead to Bethesda'r Fro!

IN medieval times, it was claimed that two pilgrimages to Llantwit Major equalled one to St Davids, whilst two to St Davids equalled one to Rome.

While non-conformist denominations may balk at their journeys being termed pilgrimages, a number of congregations and groups have made their way to Bethesda'r Fro Chapel over the past months to visit the building and to celebrate the life of Thomas William, its first minister and famous hymn-writer, who is buried in

the churchyard.

Anyone wishing to follow their example is warmly invited to join the congregation for its anniversary service on Sunday, July 20, at 3pm when the preacher will be Rev Sue Fender. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Later in the year, the Harvest Festival service will also take place in the afternoon, at 3pm on Sunday, October 5, when the preacher will be Mr Clive Curtis.

NIGEL WILLIAMS  
(on behalf of the congregation).



# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE COMMUNITY NEWS

Members of Maesteg Children's Choir on stage at the town hall.



**Garden party**  
OGMORE Valley Ladies Society is again holding its annual garden party in the lovely grounds of Clive and Lydia's Davies 'Factory House' in Blackmill next Tuesday (July 15) from 12 noon to 4.30pm.

Members of the public are welcome to go along, as all money earned will be donated to local charities in the Ogmogre Valley. Everyone will be able to enjoy strawberry and cream teas, and there will be a number of stalls selling local produce, such as homemade cakes, jams and preserves and various forms of crafts, books and videos.

The grounds have mature gardens and extend along the banks of the river Ogmogre. **Children's choir**  
I HAD the pleasure of watching the performance of Maesteg Children's Choir in the annual concert at Maesteg

## Town Hall.

The musical director of long standing, Enid-Sian Hughes, does a marvellous job in coaching these youngsters.

The concert began with hit songs from James Bond films with wonderful solo parts by Caitlin Jenkins ('Goldfinger') and Chloe Evans, Harriet Forwood and Chloe Hevizi ('Diamonds are Forever').

We were treated to songs sung by guest soloist Rhian Hughes, then the youngsters returned on stage with songs from the musical *Matilda*. The first song with a solo part was 'Naughty' sung by the energetic Ella Coates, who also sang a solo spot in 'When I grow up' with another soloist Cerys Davies. This was a family affair with her elder sister Lauren Coates singing solo in 'My House'. Lauren is also a member of that remarkable choir 'Only Kids Aloud'.

Then came the amazing tenor guest artist Neil Parker, followed by Annie Phillips, and Oliver Forwood then sang solo

spots in the *Beauty and the Beast* medley.

After the interval, the choir sang 'It don't mean a thing', 'Moonriver', 'Fly me to the moon'. Two sisters, Karly and Kirsty Whelan, sang solo parts in 'Beyond the sea', followed by Caitlin Jenkins with 'Putting on the Ritz' with three more soloists Megan Evans-Thomas, Sarah Bickle and Emily Thomas taking a section in 'Say a little prayer for you'.

The hit songs kept flowing with Cerys Davies singing solo in 'Diamonds are a girl's best friend'.

We then had Emily Thomas with 'My God' and another outstanding song by Lauren Coates with 'All that Jazz'.

In September, the choir will be looking for a new experienced accompanist. If interested, telephone 07970 770927.

**Choir backing**  
BOIS Goetre-Hen (Coytrahen male voice choir) will lead the hymn singing at the wedding of one of its choristers, Nathan Browning to Kimberly James in St Michaels and All Angels Church, Maesteg, next Saturday (July 12).

**Spelling Bee**  
THREE students from Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen (Ynysaudd Comprehensive School) took part in the recent Bridgend County Borough Council 'Spelling Bee' competition for year-7 pupils at Brynteg Comprehensive School.

The students - Aaliyah Hytmiah, Josie Pinches and Karys Rayner - put in a great deal of enterprise and effort, with Karys taking

11th position, Aaliyah fifth and Josie fourth.

This was an admirable performance, with the team being finally eliminated in the ninth round in a competition of a very high standard. This was a far better effort than the previous year when the team was eliminated in the fourth round.

The girls were excited and pleased when they were presented with certificates by two players from the Ospreys rugby football team.

The competition was finally won by Brynteg Comprehensive School.

**Treorchy eisteddfod**  
I WOULD like to congratulate two children from Tondur Primary School, who won their events in the recent heats in the eisteddfod.

Keira Hill won the vocal Disney song class for school years 3 to 5, and Benjamin Lock won his piano category.

I wish both contestants well and hope they will appear in the finals at the Parc and Dare Theatre, Treorchy in October.

**Take Note!**  
AN exciting new song and dance group are performing in a concert in Maesteg Town Hall on Saturday, July 26 at 7.30pm.

It will be an evening of music from a live band, which includes awesome pyrotechnics.

The show is titled *Elemental* and will feature a wide variety of hit songs and music by Fleetwood Mac, Green Day, Muse, Paramore, Owl City, Sting and Toto.

## Summer Serenade

SUMMER Serenade concert is taking place at St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill, on Thursday, July 17 at 7pm.

The concert will feature, the Porthcawl based choir, Sounds Familiar, RAF St Athan Voluntary Band and soprano Rhiannon Skilton. Tickets are £7, available from Theo's charity shop in Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill, or on the door.

This is a charity concert and all money raised will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

**School invite**  
TONDU Primary School invites parents and friends of pupils from years 5 and 6 to assemblies at 10.20am.

Year 5: Mr Lewis's class (Usk) and Miss Jones's class (Tawe) tomorrow (Friday, July 11); the school leavers' assembly for year-6 pupils on July 17.

The summer fair will be held tomorrow, Friday, July 11 at 2pm; the PTA welcomes donations of items for the stalls.

There will be a fancy dress event for the children in Afan, Cynffig, Ewenni, Garw and Llynfi classes. A talent show will be held for children in the junior classes.

**Concert**  
THERE will be a special concert at Ogmogre Vale Primary School on July 15 at 5.30pm - put on by the pupils in year-6 who will be leaving the school at the end of the week.

**Well done!**  
TYNYRHEOL Primary School acting Head, Kerry Jones,

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of *The GEM*:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Spelling Bee contestants receive their prizes. (See story on left).

congratulates Rieley Fletcher, Rhian Jeremy and Rhodri O'Brien, chosen to play in Bridgend North basketball team at the Bridgend classic tournament held last Saturday (July 5) at Pencoe College.

Elise Whitefield whose elder brother Jake has been receiving treatment for cancer, has been extremely proactive in her fundraising efforts for the cancer charity, Latch.

She has been selling wrist bands and pens, and to date has raised £333.33. Well done to her!

The PTA will be holding its summer fete, tomorrow (July 11) in the school hall and yard at 2pm.

## SCHOOLS' MERGER

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Debra Williams continued: "We have considered several alternatives and concluded that its integration with St Clare's School, to create a leading independent school, combining the best of both current schools have to offer, presents by far the best option for the children of St John's".

Simon Antwis, headmaster of St Clare's School, added: "I am looking forward to welcoming the pupils from St John's to build on the excellent

academic and pastoral traditions of both schools.

"I am dedicated to ensuring that the strong family ethos of both schools is maintained."

Ed Hyslop, chief executive Europe of Cognita Schools commented: "By integrating St John's with St Clare's, we have the best opportunity to deliver the highest standard of education and provision for the pupils of both schools."

"We hope to be able to continue to upgrade and improve the school's premises and resources."

## Support for new mothers

A support group for new mothers has been set up in Aberkenfig.

Nursing staff on the neonatal unit in Bridgend have started a new 'Neonatal Family Support Group' on the first Friday of the month at The Len Evans Hall, Aberkenfig between 10am and 12 noon.

A spokeswoman said: "The doors are open to all families who feel they might benefit from support from staff, outside speakers and other families who have been through similar experiences."

"Families might also want to come along to offer help and support to others. The group has been very well supported by local businesses such as Water babies, Monkey Music and many others,

all offering their services free.

"Please visit our facebook page *POW Neonatal family support group* or on Twitter *@powh\_scbu*."

"The group is affiliated with the neonatal charity BLISS. We are hosting our first fundraising event for BLISS on August 9 at 10am

"We are calling on the local community to join us for a sponsored 'Buggy Push', walk or run for 5k. We are meeting at the Pavilion, Pandy Park, Aberkenfig."

"Following the event is a table top sale at the Welfare Hall, Aberkenfig, to raise funds for the family support group. Sponsorship forms are available directly from [www.bliss.org.uk](http://www.bliss.org.uk)"

## Police issue an appeal after stolen items are recovered

POLICE are asking the public to review a photograph of stolen property to help return them to their rightful owners.

The items were recovered on Tondur Road, Bridgend, around

6am on Tuesday, July 1 and among the items are an orange coloured Husqvarna chainsaw with a red plastic blade cover, which has a significant crack along the top; a green coloured petrol can; an orange and black chainsaw strap; grey and green Qualcast telescopic hedge trimmers; bolt cutters and working

gloves. All of the items were found in a black Sports Direct carrier bag with a Lonsdale logo emblazoned on it.

If you have any information, contact South Wales Police on 101 quoting reference number 1400233934.



The recovered items.



## Local salon boosts bid for hairdressers' profession



Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology Ken Skates presents state registration certificates to stylists at The Hair Business, Cowbridge.

With him (from left) are ISA Training's chairman Shirley Davis-Fox, stylists Claire Brahim, Jade Gilbert, Janine Perry, Owen Oakley, Hayley James, Bethan Ingram and salon owner Leigharne Phillips.

**A TOP Welsh hairdressing salon has boosted a national campaign to professionalise the industry by encouraging all its qualified hair stylists to become state registered.**

The Hair Business in Cowbridge has registered all of its level two and three stylists with the Hairdressing Council, and Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology, Ken Skates, visited the salon to present them with their certificates.

The Hairdressing Council's campaign for compulsory state registration of qualified hairdressers

is being spearheaded by its member for Wales, Shirley Davis-Fox, chairman of Bridgend-based ISA Training, the largest independent hair and beauty training provider in Wales.

Leigharne Phillips, owner of The Hair Business which employs 20 staff, said: "I think it's important that hairdressing is recognised as a professional industry and state registration is the way forward."

"The campaign will gather momentum as we get more salons and hairdressers and barbers on board."

### INTERVIEW SKILLS

**BARRY Communities First** in partnership with the **Workers Educational Association**, will be running a free interview skills session at 10am-3.30pm, July 16 at Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry.

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Contact 01446 709432, or visit [www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org](http://www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org)

## COMMUNITY PRAISED FOR DIABETES BIG COLLECTION

**LOCAL people have been praised for rallying together to boost Diabetes UK in Barry.**

The Big Collection, a nationwide fundraising event for the charity, took place in 328 Tesco stores across the UK on June 13, 14 and 15, marking the end of Diabetes Week.

Volunteers collected donations and helped raise awareness of diabetes, which affects one in seven people.

Elaine Adams, team leader for the collection at Tesco's store in

Barry, said: "I would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave up their time to help collect donations over the weekend. With their support we've raised £491 for Diabetes UK."

"We had a fun weekend and the volunteers did a great job spreading some cheer in store. As someone who has diabetes, it was great to be able to meet other people living with the condition and share some of my experiences with them."

Diabetes UK Cymru's Director Dai Williams said: "With the help

of volunteers, we were able to collect donations and raise awareness of a condition that affects the 173,000 people in Wales who have diabetes and an estimated 60,000 living with the condition but who haven't yet been diagnosed."

Anyone interested in supporting Diabetes UK should visit [www.diabetes.org.uk/become-a-volunteer](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/become-a-volunteer) for fundraising opportunities and for fundraising opportunities visit [www.diabetes.org.uk/Get\\_involved/Raising\\_funds](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Get_involved/Raising_funds).

### County WI show

**THE Glamorgan WI Show** will be held in **North Cornelly Community Centre** and public hall on **Saturday, July 26 from 10am to 5pm**. Refreshments will be on sale throughout the day; Cost of entry, adults £2.50, accompanied children under 10, free.

The theme is 'Feasts and Festivals' and Institutes throughout Glamorgan will be taking part in 20 classes, including baking, craft, and the special class – a Chinese New Year lantern.

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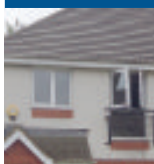
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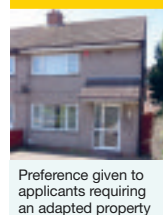
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# Roller derby girls aim to put Bridgend on the map as high-speed sport is on the rise



ABOVE: The Bridgend team discuss tactics.



Action from a recent match against Dare Valley Vixens. Bridgend are in white.



**AN American sport has taken off in Bridgend as local women get to grips with the hurly burly of roller derby!**

Bridgend has had a buoyant roller skating scene for some time. There is a recreational roller skating club called Rink Ratz and a family fun Roller Disco held at the YMCA each week.

Now, however, Natalie Gordon and Sharon Bush have started a competitive roller derby team called Bridgend Roller Derby.

Sharon has recently been selected to join the Team Wales National training squad and Natalie has been selected to represent Team West Indies.

All being well, they will have the opportunity to represent these two countries at the Blood & Thunder 2014 Roller Derby World Cup in Dallas, Texas, this December.

Natalie Gordon told The GEM: "We have both spent around three years playing for Cardiff leagues. During this time, we have built our knowledge of how to play the game competitively, and also how to run and organise a successful club".

The duo have decided to work alongside the Cardiff league clubs to create a competitive roller

derby team in Bridgend, which they hope will be good enough to take on the best and climb the rankings.

Bridgend Roller Derby (BRD) have now been training regularly for almost two months, and have already notched up two victories against two other south Wales teams.

The team has now grown to 12 full members, with a few more waiting in the wings as they hone their skating skills.

BRD's first open game is in September, which should see them enter the European rankings, so they are training hard to make maximum impact!

Natalie added: "Although places are filling fast, BRD are still looking for people with skating experience (inline or quad) to join the team, along with anyone who wants to help out as a referees or NSO (Non Skating Official) to be part of our little community in this exciting sport".

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## CUP LOSS FOR LOCAL BOWLERS

**LLANTWIT MAJOR mens bowlers suffered their second defeat in the Munro Cup on Wednesday against Penarth, 77-59.**

Graham Jones' rink lost 14-19; Llantwit were four down after four ends coming back to draw level on the ninth, with Penarth third having a good game and converting shots. Llantwit went behind, losing finally by five shots.

Arthur Hayes' rink won 19-12; Llantwit got off to a good start scoring five on the first end. By the fifth end, Penarth had come back to be only three down and the game remained close.

A score of five by Llantwit on the 17th end relieved the pressure with Tom Ingvillie

combining well with his skip, Llantwit winning by seven shots.

Richard George's rink lost 7-30; this was an experimental rink which did not work as the rink failed to gel. Penarth scored heavily, including a six on one end, despite the back end players of Llantwit trying to cut down the score.

Eric Spark's rink won 19-16; Llantwit scored a three on the first end then went behind, trailing by seven shots midway through the game, with Glyn Fox and John Ball coming more into the game, Llantwit scoring eight shots over the 13th and 14th end.

Llantwit went into the final end on level terms scoring three on the final end to win a good comeback.

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## Injury to Owens overshadows South Wales Scorpions' loss

**A bad neck injury to Shaun Owens provided a sad end to South Wales Scorpions' 36-16 defeat at home to Oxford on Saturday.**

The half-back, who was only in his second game back after a 10-week lay-off, went down awkwardly after a legitimate tackle.

With just two minutes left on the clock, both sides decided to call it a day.

The win broke Oxford's six-match losing streak and the Scorpions may regret kicking two early penalties and not looking to put early tries on the board.

Paul Emanuelli attempted both, the first was successful while the second, two minutes later, from 40 metres out was centimetres wide.

Chris Leyshon looked to put the

first Scorpions try on the board five minutes later, after a well-worked move put him almost clear on the wing, but he was denied and tackled into touch.

It was Oxford who scored the first try, Andrew Hoggins going over following a scrum. Jimmy Rowland converted before adding a try of his own, this time failing to convert and after a good passing move, Marcus Brooker went in for Oxford's third.

Scorpions got a try back on 24 minutes after Shaun Owens went over from dummy half and Paul Emanuelli converted.

Oxford got themselves back into the hunt four minutes later after Jack Briggs scored in the left corner but it was the Scorpions who had a confidence booster before the interval as Barrie Phillips forced his way over

following a repeat set. Emanuelli missed the kick.

He made up for that miss by kicking a 40-20 to give Scorpions an extra chance to level the scores before the half-time hooter but the ball was thrown into touch. The chance was wasted but Scorpions were still very much in the hunt.

They were first on the board in the second half when Chris Leyshon made a 50 metre leaving the Oxford defence for dead.

Emanuelli missed the kick to leave the Scorpions 18-16 down.

Oxford took control again soon after that. Rory Sharatt was held up over the line while a second attempt was chalked out for obstruction.

However there wasn't a problem with Glenn Osborn's short range effort just after the hour mark to extend Oxford's lead to 22-16.

Former Scorpion Yannick Parker added to the lead as he made a 30 metre wing run, a gap opened up with some poor positioning by his old side.

Connick converted to give Oxford a 12-point lead before adding a penalty to make the score 30-16.

Alex Thompson rubbed salt into the wounds to push the Scorpions further away from bonus point territory in a poor day at the office for the Welsh.

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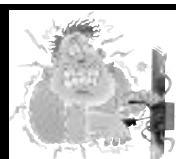
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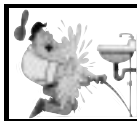
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**NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER**  
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NOS 1 AND 3 GILESTON)  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION  
ORDER 2014

Bydd y gorchymyn uchod, a wnaethpwyd ar 16 Mehefin 2014, o dan Adran 119 Ddeddf Prifffyrdd 1980, yn ailgyfeirio Llwybrau Troed Cyhoeddus 1 a 3, sy'n rhedeg o GGC 301272 166948 hyd at GGC 301113 167016 ac o GGC 301807 167190 hyd at GGC 301414 166949, drwy eu hailosod ar linell sy'n rhedeg o GGC 301272 166948 hyd at GGC 301113 167016 ac o GGC 301803 167172 hyd at GGC 301636 166957, fel y dangosir ar rap y gorchymyn.

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Dyddiedig 10 Gorffennaf 2014

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## Family Notices

### GLOVER Rene and Joan

Peacefully, after short illnesses, devoted sisters, Joan, on June 30 at UHW, and Rene, on July 2 at Llandough Hospital.

Beloved sisters of Ken and the late Fred, Roy, Des and Reg, dear sisters-in-law of Pat and Maureen, dearly loved aunts of Mandi, Carys and husband Fred, Ray and wife Maxine, cherished great-aunts of Daniel and Ben, Cian and Xenia. Well known and respected members of the village of St Nicholas, they will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved them.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon until the Funeral Service and Interment at St Nicholas Parish Church on Thursday July 17 at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home. Donations, if desired, will be gratefully accepted for the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society c/o J James, 12 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

### WEST Terrence Douglas

Suddenly on June 25th at his home Gregory Close, Pencoed, Terry formerly of Cardiff and Daytona Blinds, Canton; dearly loved husband of Jackie, devoted father of Karen, Lorraine and Victoria who will miss you greatly, you were a great inspiration to us all especially to your son-in-law Richard and your wonderful grandchildren Christopher, Holly and Alexa.

Terry would want us to say a fond farewell to all his friends and thank his loyal customers of Daytona Blinds for the past 30 years.

*You will always remain in our hearts.*

Funeral Thursday July 17th, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to the British Heart Foundation or the Multiple Sclerosis Society UK c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Graigwen, 12 Pentwyn Road, Pencoed, Mid Glamorgan, CF35 6SB  
TEL: 01656 860545.

### HUTCHINGS Robert (Bob)

Barbara and family would like to thank friends, neighbours and relatives for the kindness shown during their recent loss of Bob, for sympathy cards and donations to the Stroke Association.

Heartfelt thanks to the doctors at Eryl Surgery and to all of the very caring staff both past and present from Milsom House care home, St Athan, for the kindness and respect shown to Bob and myself during the past 4 years. God bless you all.

### MARSHALL Rev John Douglas

Husband of the late Mary, died peacefully at home in Cowbridge, on 3rd July, with his children at his side.

Heartfelt thanks to all those who took care of him in recent weeks.

Funeral at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on Wednesday 16th July at 11.45am; the family will not be wearing black. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to the Guideposts Trust, Two Rivers, Station Lane, Witney, Oxon OX28 4BH. Further information from Thomas Brothers Funeral Service 01446 772669.

### EVANS Marjorie

Peacefully, on July 2 at Llandough Hospital, Marjorie of Barry (formerly Nursing Officer Area Health Authority, South Glamorgan). Beloved wife of Arthur, dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Nick and Lisa, much loved grandma of Christian and Jacob, devoted sister of Joan Christopher of Wenvoe.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday July 16, service 2pm at All Saints Church, Barry followed by private cremation. No flowers by request.

### HARDING Sue

John and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness and support shown during the recent loss of Sue.

Thank you to all the medical team and to William James & Sons Funeral Directors and John Durbin who provided such a caring service and to the Blue Anchor for the splendid buffet.

### MORRIS

#### Mari Elizabeth Catherine

Peacefully, at Llandough Hospital Penarth on July 4th, Mari, aged 75 years, of Porthkerry Road, Barry.

Dearly loved sister of Patricia Corp, much loved aunt of Melanie, Justin and Caroline, loved by great nieces and nephews, Anwen, Taran, Evan, Emily, Freddy and Iestyn. Resting at AG Adams & Son, Tynwydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until her reception into St. Helen's RC Church, Barry on Thursday July 17th at 4pm for her requiem mass on Friday July 18th at 10am, followed by cremation at The Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 11.15am. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

### PETERS

#### Katie (Nee Church) (Late of Llantwit Major)

Much loved daughter of Sheila and Hugh Church, loving and fun sister of Shan, Cheryl, the late Andrew, Justin and Nathan. Passed away peacefully in Montreux, Switzerland on June 22nd.

*She will be sadly missed and loved forever.*

S&H Church, 2 Woodsworth Court, Stollart Street, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 0EB.

### MacDONALD John (Johnny Mac)

Eva and family would like to say a massive thank you for all the cards, flowers, kind words and support at this very sad time. Also, we would like to thank Reverend John Binny and W James & Sons, Fonmon.

*Goodbye my love until we meet again.*

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lovely birthday on  
July 13th.

Love from all your friends  
at The GEM xxx



### Happy 18th Birthday KIERAN KNOWLES

on 13th July

Lots of love,  
Mum, Dad,  
Katelyn  
& Grampy



### \*LOOK WHO'S 40\*

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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12th July 2014

All our love Nan, Mum, Dad,  
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Casey-Mae, Janine, Clive,  
Shauna & Georgia xxx



### Jemma Reynolds

Happy  
30th  
Birthday  
Mummy!  
15th July

Lots of love  
Logan & Lexie xxx



Happy  
30th Birthday  
Jemma Jay

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& a fab aunty!

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# Basketball talent on show at tournament

**COWBRIDGE Comprehensive's basketball season came to a climax on June 30, with the first annual Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff year-7 basketball tournament.**

Year 7 students do not have a basketball league just for their age group to compete in. The more experienced players for that age group can gain experience in the under-13s league but face a steep challenge.

However with the growth of basketball as an up and coming sport in south Wales a number of basketball coaching staff from Vale schools felt the time was right to start a tournament.

The excellent sporting facilities at Cowbridge Comprehensive School and the outstanding Year 7 team meant it was the ideal location to host the tournament. The wealth of talent at CCS meant that it could enter two full squads into the tournament.

The other schools participating were St. Richard Gwyn High School, Barry Boys Comprehensive School, Porthcawl Comprehensive School and Cardiff High School.

Representing Cowbridge in its A-side were Tom ApJohn-Williams (c), Jamie

Owens, Alex Oldham, Rory James, Adam Durrant, Joel Carter and Luke Williams. In the Cowbridge B-Side were Iwan ApJohn-Williams (co-captain), Beth Edwards (co-captain), Jess Gregory, Emily Gregory, Ella K Jones, Sophie Hawkins, Will Marsden and James Eason.

The tournament began with Cowbridge A facing off against Cardiff High. Out of practice due to the exam season Cowbridge struggled early.

They were finding good shots, but kept failing to capitalize on them. An early lead of eight points was slowly whittled until in the second half Cowbridge managed to start shaking the rust off and finished strong winning 16-8.

Up next were Porthcawl and Barry, two sides with a strong Basketball legacy and talented athletes. Porthcawl were the slightly stronger side and won 8-2. Cardiff High then took to the floor again, this time facing off against St. Richard Gwyn.

Keen to bounce back from their first game Cardiff High played hard and persevered 12-3. Next up it was Cowbridge B's turn and they were keen to prove there was no difference in quality from their school teammates.

They took on a taller Barry side but overwhelmed them with skill and superior ball movement and won definitively 14-2. Cowbridge A then returned to action and demolished St. Richard Gwyn 34-5.

Ironically, four players from Cowbridge A are on the Vale of Glamorgan county team which is coached by St. Richard Gwyn's coach, Mr Leftly. Cowbridge B ended the first round of games with a tight match up against Porthcawl. At stake was first place of Group 2 and therefore an opportunity to play in the final to win the whole tournament.

It was very close early on as both teams struggled to score but eventually Porthcawl edged ahead, at one point building up a lead of four points. By midway through the second half Cowbridge B had fought back, tied the game and then pushed ahead to go up 12-10.

In the closing seconds, however, a shooting foul sent Porthcawl to the free throw line with the opportunity to tie the game and force overtime.

After the first shot swished through, the home crowd held its breath fearing the worse, but the second shot clattered off the iron and Cowbridge secured the rebound and ran out the

clock. As the group stage of the tournament finished Cowbridge were looking and feeling good with both squads winning their group.

The second round was just three straight games to determine final positions. Playing for fifth and sixth place, St. Richard Gwyn and Barry started out matching each other evenly before Barry's athleticism won out and they cruised to an eventual 16-6 victory.

The match for third and fourth was a much tighter affair. Cardiff High took an early lead and held onto it throughout almost the entirety of regulation until Porthcawl made a basket in the final minute and forced overtime.

With only a one minute extra period to play through, Porthcawl built on their momentum and secured a final bucket to eventually win 14-12.

The tournament final then ended up resembling a Cowbridge practice with the two school squads facing off against each other in a battle for bragging rights on the CCS piazza.

The game was tied at the end of the first quarter as both squads matched each other blow for blow. As the game carried on however Cowbridge A managed to sustain the skill level of



their starters and pulled ahead bit by bit. Cowbridge B didn't let up for a second however and fought hard until the bitter end eventually coming up short 27-10.

The tournament ended up being a resounding success and perfectly highlighted what a hotbed for young basketball talent south-east Wales is.

With just over 60 students competing on just this occasion the future is bright for the Cardiff and Vale basketball leagues.

Cowbridge Coach Mr Hume was effusive in his praise of his young side, saying: "Their success today is the result of hours and hours of hard work in training throughout the entire year. I can't say enough about the great work ethic and commitment to excellence I see in practice sessions."

"What makes it all the more satisfying is their talent is matched by their



Year 7 cricket team.

character and accomplishments throughout the school. I haven't just got a group of good Basketball players; I've got a team of outstanding students!"

When pressed on what may lay ahead he was very optimistic: "We've had a great off-season so far. The

exam break forced us to relocate to the school fitness suite and the guys have put hours into working on their strength and conditioning.

"We've made a couple of nice signings, filling out our girl's side with newcomers Helena McCormack and Frankie Coates. We're now looking forward to getting in three final weeks practice before we break for summer. I'm then expecting the guys to return in September looking to build on and exceed the success we've had this year."

**Cricket win**  
On June 3, the year-7 cricket team played their first match for Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

With Bro Morgannwg being their first opponents, and having previous experience of their high standards in this area, we knew it was not going to be an easy match!

Cowbridge won the toss, and decided to bat on a lovely summer's day. Will Tuckwell and Sam Brown opened the batting, and made a solid start to proceedings.

Sam Brown unfortunately had to retire with an injured hand, but the boys who

replaced him continued were he had left off. Will Tuckwell, Edward Thomas, Jamie Howells and Iestyn Galton were amongst the highest scores in the game. Cowbridge finished their innings and set a score of 90 for 4.

Bro Morgannwg had bowled well, although Cowbridge had set a pretty good target, and Bro Morgannwg would have to keep the run rate high to stand a chance. They did just that, with Ceri J and Jack B scoring 16 quick runs.

If it wasn't for the excellent bowling by Jake Thomas, they would have made a significant dent into Cowbridge's total. After the fall of the first two wickets, Cowbridge's bowlers did not give any batters time to settle at the crease.

Jamie Howells took three wickets, Iestyn Galton took two, and Will O'Connor, Luke Hinkin-Evans and Will Tuckwell took one each. Bro Morgannwg battled well, but finally were bowled all out for 72.

Cowbridge had won by 18 runs and 6 wickets! Well done boys, for your first ever cricket match, you all played extremely well, and the bowling was especially impressive!

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (BUTTRILLS ROAD (PART), BARRY) (20 MPH ZONE) ORDER 2014

1. Notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 1, 2 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), sections 90A&C of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended), the provisions contained within The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 and of all other enabling powers, proposes to make an Order the general effect of which is described in schedules 1 and 2 below.
2. Full details of the proposals, to include a copy of the proposed Order and drawing no (T/14/16/MS) may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objection you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Visible Services (Ref: ED/HT/MS/IF737) in writing by 31st July 2014 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.
3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed order open to public inspection.

### PART 1

4. No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour along the location specified in schedule 1 below.
5. Traffic calming measures, as described in column 1 of schedule 2, shall be introduced in order to reduce traffic speed and improve road safety, at the locations described in column 2 of schedule 2 below.

### PART 2

6. The limitations and restrictions imposed by this Order and the lengths of highway to which they relate are those identified in drawing no T/14/16/MS that accompanies these schedules.

### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour along Buttrills Road Barry, from a point 40 metres south of its junction with Barry Road to a point 70 metres north of its junction with Gladstone Road, a total distance of approximately 415 metres.

### SCHEDULE 2

**Type:** Four sets of flat top speed cushions 65mm high x 1.9 metres long x 1750mm wide.

**Location:** Buttrills Road – the centres being approximately 117, 271, 350 and 424 metres north of their junction with Gladstone Road.

**Type:** A single flat top humped puffin crossing approximately 75mm high x 7.5 metres long x 6.0 metres wide.

**Location:** Buttrills Road – the centre being approximately 196 metres north of its junction with Gladstone Road.

**Dated this 10th day of July 2014**

M. E. Punter,  
Director of Visible Services & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



## CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2014 GORCHYMYN (ARDAL 20 M.Y.A.) (BUTTRILLS ROAD (RHAN YN UNIG), Y BARRI)

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau on dan adranau 1, 2 ac 84 Deddf Rheoli Traffig y Ffyrdd 1984 (ddiwygiedig), adranau 90A ac C Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980 (ddiwygiedig), y darpariaethau yn Rheoliadau Prifffyrdd (Twpmpathau Ffordd) 1999 a phob pŵer galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn i'r diben cyffredinol a ddisgrifiwyd yn atodleni 1 a 2 isod.
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3. Mae'n bwysig i baw sydd am wrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig deall bod dyletswydd gyfeiriothol ar y cyngor hwn, o dan Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Haw i Wybodaeth) 1985, i sicrhau bod pob sylw i'r gorchymyn arfaethedig a ddaw i law ar gael i'r cyhoedd ei astudio.

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### RHAN 2

3. Mae'r cyfyngiadau a osodir gan y Gorchymyn hwn a'r darnau perthnasol o'r briffordd wedi'u nodi yn llun T/14/16/MS sydd wedi'i gynnwys gyda'r atodlenni hyn.

### ATODLEN 1

4. Ni fydd unrhyw un yn gyrru na chaniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru'n gyflymach nag 20 milltir yr awr ar hyd Buttrills Road, Y Barri rhwng man benodol sy'n 40 medr i'r de o'r gyffordd â Barry Road a man arall 70 medr i'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Gladstone Road - sef pellter o 415 medr i gyd.

### ATODLEN 4

**Math:** Pedair set o glustogau arafu traffig pen gwastad 65mm o uchder x 1.9 medr o hyd x 1750 o led.

**Location:** Buttrills Road – mae canol y clustogau oddeutu 117, 271, 350 a 424 medr i'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Gladstone Road.

**Math:** Croesfan Pâl lle y mae twmpath pen gwastad 75mm o uchder x 7.5 medr o hyd x 6.0 medr o led.

**Location:** Buttrills Road – mae canol y twmpath oddeutu 196 medr i'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Gladstone Road.

**Dyddiedig 10 Gorffennaf 2014**

Mr. M.E. Punter  
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,  
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenvoe, CF5 6AA.



## Penllyn bridge

**PENLLYN Bridge Club results for June were as follows:**

**Thursday, June 5 (20 pairs) - First:** Helen & Mike Ruttley 62.37%; **second:** Brian Tucker & Penny Jarvis 3770 points; **third:** Cath Domanic & John Hunter 55.56%.

**Thursday, June 12 (20 pairs) - First:** Joyce Hollway & Ian Dungleon 62.88%; **second:** Helen & Mike Ruttley 59.85%; **third:** Gwentyth & Alban Wilde 57.78%.

**Thursday, June 19,**

**Summer Party - First** Dot Williams 4160 points; **second** Cath Domanic 4040 points; **third** Sally Kennedy 3880 points; **fourth** Penny Jarvis 3770 points; **fifth** Mike Ruttley 3490 points.

**Thursday, June 26 (19 pairs), Robert Brown Cup (18 pairs) - First:** Ireen & Richard Daniels 59.06%; **second:** Cath Domanic & John Hunter 57.39%; **third:** Judith & Colin Nunn 53.98%.

**CN**



# PETERSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY FEATURES PUPILS – AND PARENTS!

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ABOVE and BELOW: Keen competition as the parents compete in the sprints!

ON a lovely summer's day, a large number of parents enjoyed Peterston Primary School's sports day.

In the morning it was the turn of the infants, followed in the afternoon by the senior pupils with a full programme that included serious athletics, fun events and parents and pre-school races.



## YOUNG PG10 STUDENTS PAY VISIT TO ST GEORGES PARK

CHILDREN and young people who attend PG10 development centres across south and west Wales recently took part in a football development day at the home of English football, St Georges Park in Staffordshire.

The day was organised by PG10 Coaching and Wales legend Neville Southall.

The children were able to train in the £105m facility, set in 330-acres of Staffordshire countryside.

St Georges Park is the home for England's 24 national teams.

With 11 outdoor pitches, a full-size indoor 3G pitch, a suite of rehabilitation and sports science areas, an



indoor Futsal sports hall and an on-site Hilton hotel, it will provide world-class facilities for all England teams and a host of other clubs and individual players.

The centre has already welcomed more than 50 teams from the Premier League and Football League, as well as national and

international teams.

Players were taken through their paces in technical sessions by top qualified FA coaches, and also learned about sports science.

They were able to use the same facilities that Rooney, Gerrard and Lampard used to prepare the 2014 World

Cup in Brazil.

PG10 players also met the Norwich FC first team squad and Romanian giants FC Steaua Bucharest.

To get involved in PG10 activities, visit [www.pg10coaching.co.uk](http://www.pg10coaching.co.uk), telephone 07955270870, or email [petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk)

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## JSTKD students shine at tournament



**THE team from Vale-based JSTKD Martial Arts and Fitness, put on an impressive display at the Welsh Closed Tae Kwon Do Championships on Sunday, June 29.**

The regional competition welcomes clubs from further afield. The University of South Wales campus at Caerleon played host and around 500 competitors came along to battle it out.

Keeping it in the family were Lynne, Rhys and Seren Doel, who all came home with medals.

First up was son Rhys (10) who fought in the Boys Pee wee Black Belt division.

Rhys looked strong and in control throughout and deservedly took the gold, to become Welsh Closed Champion.

Mum Lynne, claimed silver in the Ladies Heavyweight division. She displayed some skilful moves against a much bigger competitor and was just not able to overcome the greater reach of her opponent in the final moments of the contest.

Daughter Seren (6) took to the floor in her very first competition and claimed bronze in the Girls Tiny Tot division.

In addition to Seren, there were several other new team members sparring in their first competition.

Gabe Wilfred (10) turned in a solid performance to take the bronze in the Boys Green Belt Lightweight division with the gold going to his fellow new team-mate, Finley Valvo.

Dylan Howe fought in the same division, going out in the first round



despite sparring well.

Another family pairing, Menna and Harri Birmingham, enjoyed success, with Menna winning silver in the Girls Lightweight and Harri taking the bronze in the Boys Pee wee division.

The Edwards family also proved to be a dynamic duo with son Sean Edwards (6) showing dad how it was done by winning the gold in the Boys Tiny Tots division.

Dad, Chris Edwards, fought well in the Men's Middleweight, but had to be content with the bronze this time around.

Alan Li (14) was unlucky to find himself drawn against the Junior World Champion in the Boys Junior Middleweight Black Belt contest.

Alan fought valiantly and despite sustaining a bloody nose, continued to pull off some impressive moves against his opponent before bowing out.

Joseph Schembri, head instructor, commented: "At JSTKD we have classes in Barry and throughout the Vale from three years up to adults so if anyone is feeling inspired to try out Taekwondo for themselves, we'd love to hear from them at jstkd.co.uk." **VW**

## Danny is an ace at tennis!



**Champion in the making...Danny with his coach Ben Coates.**

**AMIDST the excitement of the tennis fever at Wimbledon, the Barry Tennis Club received exciting news that one of its junior players, Danny Mickelsen (aged eight) is to take part in the Blackdog Masters tournament for 9U (mini Orange) players.**

The Blackdog events attract players from all over south Wales, competing throughout the season and earning points for wins and final table position in each event.

At the end of the season, the top eight players in the overall league table are invited to compete in the Masters event.

This season, Danny finished in fourth place, and will compete in the Masters on July 20.

The year-3 pupil at Barry Island Primary, started playing tennis at Barry Tennis Club at the age of four. He trains there at least twice a week, with competitions most weekends, and additional monthly training camps with the south Wales development squad.

There has been speculation during

Wimbledon commentaries about the cost of developing good quality junior players, and Danny is evidence that you do not need to attend top flight tennis academies, in order to compete at the same level as the best players in the area.

With good quality coaching (in Danny's case provided by Vale Tennis Academy), a good level of fitness, and, most importantly, commitment from the player and their family, success is achievable without excessive financial input.

Asked about his ambitions, Danny said: "I want to play at Wimbledon one day. I'd like to play my little brother (Scott, currently aged two!) in the final there."

So, just as Scotland has enjoyed the success of one of its famous sporting sons on the hallowed lawns of the All England Lawn Tennis Club, perhaps one day it will be Wales celebrating Danny's triumph as champion of the world!

## Dai truly is a 'super senior'!

**THE fifth annual Super Senior Competition at Cottrell Park held on June 30, was won by Dai Rees with 43 points.**

Dai has clearly been practising as he won in 2013 with just 37 points!

In magnificent weather, 18 players aged 70 and over enjoyed the Mackintosh course, which was in great condition.

Runner-up was 2011 winner, Iain Ross, with 40 points and third was

2010 winner Viv Helyar with 37 points. Dai Green won the prize for most consistent player and Derek Love had no nightmares on the course; nearest the pin was Don Williams.

After the competition, the players enjoyed a meal and prize presentation in the clubhouse.

John McGlyne, who organized the competition, thanked all who took part and congratulated the winners.

**JM**



### Players sought

**DINAS POWYS real FC are currently looking for players for next season to go into the under-12s.**

If interested, get in contact with team manager Emlyn Samad 07975 774293. With only a few weeks remaining to the signing-on deadline, they require a couple of players to meet the minimum requirement.

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# Sporting families go for the 'mini burn' at fun event in the grounds of Margam Park

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# Rhoose Lifeguards have a busy and sunny start to the summer competition season



**THE Nipper team from Rhoose Lifeguards are enjoying a successful and fun-filled start to their summer activities.**

The lovely weather has helped too with all events (so far!) benefiting from long sunny days. With competitors taking part in sea wades and swims, board races, sprints, distance runs and flags, Rhoose have secured some

excellent individual and team positions and as a club achieved third position at the Mumbles Carnival, fourth at the Porthcawl Carnival and second place at the Llantwit Major Carnival held recently.

In between competitions, the Nipper team also enjoyed a full weekend of activities at the annual Nipper Camp held at Atlantic College. The weekend covers all aspects of surf lifesaving from

fitness and swimming activities through to first-aid and beach safety.

Rhoose Lifeguards would like to thank all of the Nippers, the coaches and the parent helpers for their involvement with the club. Thanks also to the various clubs for hosting the carnivals and to everyone who helped make Nipper Camp a very enjoyable weekend.

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## Volunteer Rob to mix with golfing greats!

EVERY big event relies on the dedication and enthusiasm of volunteers, and this month's Senior Open Championship Presented by Rolex at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club will be no different, with local people clubbing together to help make it a success.

Among the volunteers is Rob Forman, from Laleston, who will be taking on marshalling duties. Forman is a seasoned golf volunteer,



having helped out at numerous events held at Royal Porthcawl and The Celtic Manor Resort, as well as Southerndown, where he is a member.

He said: "The Senior Open is going to be a great advert for a top Welsh course, and Wales itself, on the world stage.

I'll enjoy seeing such a quality field of top golfers in action as they move through whichever hole I am marshalling on, and I'm particularly looking forward to seeing and maybe meeting Tom Watson, who is a world class gentleman as well as a world class golfer."

Forman, who has been playing golf for 25 years, is also hoping that the positive effects of Royal Porthcawl hosting the event will also rub off on his own course just along the coast at Southerndown.

He said: "I will be caddy when Southerndown will be hosting one of the qualifiers a few days before the big event itself, and I hope that with the area being in the spotlight it will help all local courses attract increasing numbers of visiting golfers from overseas."

The Welsh Government has reached an agreement for three Senior Open Championships to be played in Wales between 2014 and 2024, and Bridgend County Borough Council is contributing

towards the hosting of the first event in Porthcawl, which is predicted to attract 34,000 spectators.

Councillor David Sage, Bridgend County Borough Council's Deputy Leader, said: "Volunteers are the heartbeat of events, as we saw with the 'Games Makers' at the London 2012 Olympics, so it's great to see passionate golfers like Rob getting behind this event and sparing their time to help out."

Councillor Sage added: "It was recently announced that The Open will soon be played on Northern Ireland's shores for the first time since 1951 after Royal Portrush was added to the select group of courses on the Open Championship's rota, and a successful Senior Open would certainly boost Royal Porthcawl's hopes of joining them."

The Senior Open Championship Presented by Rolex takes place at Royal Porthcawl from July 24 - 27.

There are still some vacancies for volunteering, with roles including course marshals and scorers. All volunteers need to be aged over 18 and for further details, please email [gm@bric.org.uk](mailto:gm@bric.org.uk) or [golfmarshalso@outlook.com](mailto:golfmarshalso@outlook.com).

Tickets can be bought online via [www.senioropengolf.com](http://www.senioropengolf.com) or by calling +44 (0)800 0232557, with details of hospitality packages also available.



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## Rotary's World Cup a success!

WE had our own version of the World Cup right here in the Vale recently.

There wasn't national pride at stake (the teams were all Welsh), the players didn't cost tens of millions of pounds each (they were all amateurs) and no players were sent home in disgrace for biting their opponents.

It was Cowbridge Rotary Club's 'seven-a-side' competition for the primary schools in the Vale. Mind you, that doesn't mean to say that considerable skill and talent were in short supply - there was lots of both from the participating schools.

St Davids Colwinston, Y Bont Faen, Llangan, St Brides, Llanfarcfan, Pendoylan and Llanfair all showed that the next generation of footballers have got Gareth Bale firmly in their sights.

It was a glorious day in Colwinston, and there was great support from teachers and parents for their teams, the eventual winner being Y Bont Faen.

Thanks to Cowbridge Comprehensive School for providing the referees, but most of all, a huge thank you to Leah Croke from St David's, Colwinston, who made it all happen.

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## LOCAL TOURNAMENT IMPRESSES YOUNGSTERS



**RECENTLY, Pyle and Cornelly Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) held a football tournament, which attracted around 50 children from years 5 - 6.**

The event, held at Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sger Primary Welsh School, was organised by PCSO Kyle Maiden from Pyle and Cornelly NPT, who played alongside other PCSOs in a football team against the children.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have organised for summertime PCSO football games to be played against all the local schools in the Pyle and Cornelly area.

This involves the PCSO team visiting local schools throughout June and July to play against willing Year 5 and Year 6 teams. All children who

take part are presented with a certificate and, before the end of this school term, a trophy will be presented to the school which showed the best effort and attitude while playing the football games.

PCSO Kyle Maiden said: "The days have been a great success so far with brilliant turn outs. All the children have enjoyed themselves and taken the games seriously."

"It's great to be able to set up events like this and it allows us to build bridges between ourselves and the kids. It also allows us to engage with them on a more personal level."

PCSO Maiden added: "We would like to thank everyone who attended and took part in the football games, and for showing huge enthusiasm and team effort."

### News from Bridgend bridge club

**THE results for Bridgend Bridge Club for recent events are:**

**Wednesday, July 2 - First Toy Disley and Laura Woodruff, second Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, third Steve Burgoyne and Ann Fox.**

**Friday, July 4 - First, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; second Norma and David Newman, third Irene Thomas and Graham Jones.**

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Nolton Church Hall at 7pm. We try to start at 7pm so it helps if people arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursdays from 2pm to 5pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there are gentle bridge sessions for the less experienced where assistance is readily available.

The best placed improvers for July 3 were Stuart Davies, Susan Hunt, Francis Heslin and Dee Finch.

A new series of lessons will commence on Thursday, September 18 at 11am, also at Nolton Church Hall - these are primarily for beginners and those who have played some bridge and would like to improve either or both their bidding and card play.

To book a place on the course or to obtain more information contact John Evans on 01656 880372. DN

## Scorpions are heading for Cardiff Arms Park!

**WALES Rugby League are taking three matches to Cardiff Arms Park on Sunday, July 27, thanks to sponsorship from Cardiff International Pool, who are operated by Parkwood Leisure.**

The magnificent six-hour event will showcase three different levels of competitive Rugby League and will be headlined by the Kingstone Press Championship 1 fixture between South Wales Scorpions and London Skolars, which will kick-off at 3pm.

Two hours earlier there will be an under-19 match between the same two sides while a Welsh Conference South match between Penallta-based Valley Cougars and Gwendraeth Valley Raiders from Kidwelly kicks the day off at 11am. Tag matches between local schools are also planned for half-time of the Scorpions v Skolars encounter.

It won't be the first time that the Scorpions have played at the Arms Park. They took on Warrington Wolves reserves in a friendly there on the eve of Millennium Magic, losing 10-28.

Rugby League was first played at Cardiff Arms Park on June 8, 1996. A crowd of 6,078 were present to watch the old South Wales side beat Carlisle Border Raiders 37-18 before St Helens beat Sheffield Eagles 43-32 in what was Sheffield's home Super League game but taken on the road. South Wales played four more games there in 1996, winning

them all. Just two other Rugby League games have been played at the Arms Park.

Wales took on England there later in June 1996, losing 12-26, while another Super League game, in 1998 when Castleford beat Warrington 23-16, was also taken there as part of a nationwide 'on the road' round.

Mike Grady, head coach of South Wales Scorpions, said: "This is fantastic news that South

Wales Scorpions will be playing a match in Cardiff.

"The lads can't wait to play on the 4G surface, and I hope that it will be a fantastic day out."

Reduced price advance tickets with no booking fee are now on sale at [www.scorpionsrl.com](http://www.scorpionsrl.com) and at [www.walesrugbyleague.co.uk](http://www.walesrugbyleague.co.uk) or by clicking the ticket links on the respective Facebook pages. IG

## Cricketers welcome touring side

**A Bridgend and District Invitational XI under-15s entertained the King's School, Parramatta at Newbridge Fields.**

Founded in 1831, it is Australia's oldest independent school, and the students were on a six week tour of the UK.

Bridgend won the toss and elected to bat first in the 40 over match; the stand out contribution was made by S. Sheppard who finished 75 not out, in an innings containing three sixes and seven fours.

M.Hobby (19), T. Cogbill (15), M. John (13) and B. Yates (10) helped push the score onto 155. The pick of the King's school attack was D. Abbott who finished with 8-2-9-4; further wickets were taken by Gardener (2), Marsh (2) and Pullman (1).

In what proved to be a highly entertaining match, opener A. Yates.

Cahauhan scored 51 and there were further scores from E. Shamieh (34) and W. Black (25), but Bridgend were in excellent fielding form, particularly J. Harvey who took four catches.

With opener Cahauhan falling in the 36th over the pressure began to build and a D. Donnelly hat-trick added to the excitement.

The Bridgend wicket takers figures were D. Donnelly 5-0-24-4, B. Yates 8-1-26-3, B. Griffiths 8-2-18-1 and J. Hayes 5-0-8-1.

The King's School needed three runs off the last ball for victory but a fine stop in the field by captain D. Donnelly saved a certain four and Bridgend and District won by one run.

**Team:** T. Cogbill, D. Donnelly (c), H. Evans (wk), B. Griffiths, J. Harvey, J. Hayes, M. Hobby, M. John, M. Richards, S. Sheppard, B. Yates. JH

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